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### SHOCK AND AFTERSHOCK



The earthquake smashed lives, ravaged sections of San Francisco and devastated some neighboring communities. There were miraculous escapes and rescues among the tragedies, and the wonder was that so many lives were spared. But scientists who monitor the treacherous rock beneath California warned that a long-predicted catastrophic quake was yet to come.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

### BY POPULAR DEMAND

In an unprecedented election, Albertans chose a retired general, Stanley Watren, as their nominee to the Senate. But Ottawa was under no obligation to accept their choice. And the campaign for a fully elected Senate remained bogged down in the debate over the troubled Meech Lake accord.

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## WORLD

### FIRES OF NATIONALISM



Growing nationalism in the predominantly Muslim Soviet republic of Azerbaijan has raised deep concern and controversy in the Kremlin. Those concerns are compounded by a vicious, 20-month-old dispute between Azerbaijan and neighboring Soviet Armenians, who are mostly Christian.

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## Presenting The 1990 Accord. The Sedan That Rewards All Your Senses.

*Designers' concentration on reducing the number of seams, refining fit and finish is evident wherever you choose to cast your eye.*

*Substantially increased glass area, flush surfaces and taut stance nicely marry sporty looks with improved visibility and increased occupant space.*

*Yet another notable feature is Honda's highly respected investment credential: The Honda No Small Print Warranty.*



*In profile The Accord's refined and contemporary new styling gives it a European sedan flavour defined by softer contours and smoothly flowing lines.*

*Clear multi-reflector, flush-mounted headlights add sparkling counterpoints to the aerodynamic bumper and skirt.*

*Its architecture has been redesigned for 30% greater structural integrity and 20% increased torsional rigidity to ensure a feeling of quality and substance.*

*Larger in every major exterior dimension, the new Accord has 120 mm increased wheelbase to improve ride quality, and interior passenger comfort.*

*Along with the Accord's larger wheels, there are larger brakes: 260 mm ventilated discs in front and 220 mm drum brakes in rear for safer, quick stops.*

*Cargo capacity has increased to 14.4 cubic feet.*

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*Remember your seat belts.  
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## Handling Inspired By The Curvature Of The Earth.



You will immediately sense an even greater degree of precise control, flat cornering and smooth ride as provided by the Accord's roadgood double wishbone suspension system.

The Accord's agility is further enhanced by a new speed sensitive, variable assist power steering system. It nicely maintains road feel while keeping steering effort at an easy, comfortable level.

Accord's rear suspension uses a compensating linkage which automatically cancels out unwanted rear steering effects when cornering or braking.

The Accord serves up a new 2.2 litre, 16-valve single overhead camshaft engine with electronically controlled multi-point fuel injection. There is 125 H.P. for LX and EX models, 130 H.P. for EX-R.

## A New High In Energy Levels.

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The addition of a sophisticated secondary balancer system has significantly reduced engine vibration by 80%.

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## A Cure For Cabin Fever.

Headroom has comfortably increased by 35 mm. Front seats are now 35 mm longer with 30 mm more underseat footroom for rear passengers.

The rear seat is contoured for better comfort and support with 40 mm additional legroom. A seamless, soft-touch motif is carried throughout.



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The Accord's instrument panel is a quieter, industry-leading one piece design. The analogue instruments and controls are in clear sight and easy reach.

Passive restraint seat belt system not available in Canada

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## LETTERS

### AN OBSESSION WITH POOD

In five years of working in the field of weight loss through attitude, habit and self-image change while *maintaining* during, I can verify the fact that doing indeed creates an obsession with food and a heavier body over the long term! The dangers of dieting. "Cover, Oct. 51 As long as we crave instant results and give the responsibility to nourish ourselves over to the next expert, the diet industry will continue to flourish and leave the last laugh to the dieter feels increasingly out of control in determining his/her own ability to create that physically fit, healthy body.

Rhonda Gordon,  
Winipeg

In "The dangers of dieting," the Weight Watchers program was mentioned twice, leading readers to the assumption that their recipe is the only one that offers a sensible and healthy approach to weight loss. In the story they should have been more explicit about the many good programs available. To only name one appeared more than a little biased.

Carole Smith,  
Rexford, N.C.

It should be noted that cholesterol is an aromatic alcohol, essential to the functioning of the human body ("The origins of cholesterol," Cover, Oct. 9) It is actually produced by the liver. The whole cholesterol balabala is strongly promoted by the pharmaceutical industry for what seems to be monetary reasons. It should also be stressed that the drugs recommended to lower blood-cholesterol levels may produce serious side effects.

Ernest Babbitt,  
San Mills, Ont.

### RICHIER MISPLACED

I read with great interest Allan Fotheringham's column "North Harley's World" (Cover, Oct. 9) The only thing that is disturbing is that Rotheringham Silvered as he research. He mentioned that the village of North Harley on the shores of Lake Manapunga is a retreat for Nordica Richier. That comes as a big surprise to us neighbours on the shores of Lake Manapunga.

Jeanne Giesner,  
Montreal

### 'BULL, BULL, BULL'

In the Oct. 3 Passage, you state that Irving Berlin, who died at 103 and composed over 900 wonderful songs, never learned to read or write music. Five years after the Second World



Exercise clear self-image change

War, I played with my big band in U.S. service clubs in Berlin. During the Berlin scribble, I received a few copies of a composition by Irving, which he wrote while living from New York City to Berlin. On this evening, I was called to play at a party. When I learned that the guest of honor was Irving Berlin, I was prepared, and when he entered, the band played his latest composition, *Opposites Attract*, Irving turned around, left all the proceeds

standing and ran over to us. Said Irving, "Where the hell did you get the music from? I just wrote it a couple of hours ago!" On our manuscripted copy, some letters were blotted out. Irving leaned over my shoulder and corrected the missing notes. He could not read! Bull, bull, bull.

Olga Miron,  
North Conway, N.H.

### MISTAKING ENVY FOR DISDAIN

While I agree with several points made in your review of my book *Revolving with Mystery* ("Secrets, secrets," Books, Oct. 50), I must correct the record on your reviewer's statement that I show disdain for American reporters in Moscow. On page 90, I name seven of the most prominent American correspondents of the last day's reports in Moscow and write that they have "demonstrated a judicious balance and depth as reporters that has made me and many other journalists envious." My envy can hardly be regarded as synonymous with disdain. There are problems with respect to perspective and patronage at U.S. reports and contrary to your assertion, I do give many examples.

Lawrence Martin,  
Ottawa

## PASSAGES

**DIED:** Hollywood actor, director and producer Cornell Wilde, 74, whose flashy good looks and physical feats made him a mainstay of the 1940s and 1950s, of leukemia, in hospital near his Los Angeles home. The starlet, one-inch color was recently cast in a swashbuckling hero in action-packed *Endless Love*, but was his greatest success for playing the sultry companion *Frederic Chopin* in the 1945 movie *A Day in November*. Indeed, the former actor's career after his look-alike roles, including that of a dining troupe artist in the 1953 movie *The Greatest Show on Earth* and a father who battles sharks in the 1975 adventure movie *Shark's Fin*.



*Revolving with Mystery*, will be published next month.

**AWARDED:** To open a celebrated award for *Camille José-Celis*, 72, the Nobel Prize for literature for his compassionate prose about human vulnerability, by the Swedish Academy at Laxnäs. His first book, *The Family of Francis*, chronicled a 1942 anti-Franco novel, remains a modern classic. His 1951 novel *The Way*, about the moral bankruptcy of post-World War II Madrid, earned him international acclaim for his candid observations on the human condition.

**DIED:** American author Walker Farley, 74, whose 20 Black Shadow novels have excited young readers around the world, of heart failure in hospital near his Venice, Fla., home. Farley's stories have sold more than 12 million copies in 14 countries. His last work, *The Young*

**60s:** British stage and screen actor Sir Anthony Quayle, 76, renowned for his ability to be equally convincing as dukes and as comedies, and whose 59 movies included *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Guns of Navarone* and *Island of the Thousand Days*, of cancer, at his London home.

**DIED:** Canadian mystery writer Sharon Harrow, 76, whose first book, *Mine*, won the best novel award from the Mystery Writers of America in 1969, of heart disease, in hospital near his Port Hope, Ont., home. A United Church of Canada cleric and former editorial writer with the *Windsor Post*, Harrow published his sixth and last book, *Mine*, on *Post Street*, in the spring

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### TOPPLING EMPIRES

According to Peter C. Newman ("Spectacle like fall of a titan," *Business Watch*, Sept. 25), "Robert Campeau's empire is tottering, making its founders to a minority position." As with all intense and high rollers, their empire may topple but they still walk away with millions to start anew. If you think that Campeau's opulent lifestyle will change one iota as the result of his failures, don't hold your breath.

Dr. Lawrence J. Cohen,  
Mississippi (Oct)

### UNCHARITABLE TAX

While I agreed with the comments expressed in "Struggling for dollars" (Charities, Sept. 23), you should be aware that Michael Wilson's proposed nine-per-cent sales tax will hurt many charities. Under his proposed regulations, only those registered charities or nonprofit societies that receive more than 50-per-cent government funding will be eligible for a partial rebate on sales tax paid on goods and services. I am treasurer of a nonprofit society in Vancouver which works hard at fund-raising. Because it does not receive more than 50-per-cent government funding, it will receive no rebate. Those charities and nonprofit societies that are not a burden on taxpayers should be eligible for a partial rebate.

Carson Lowe,  
Vancouver

### NATTERING NABOBS

One would gather that John Buzzaire did not enjoy *The Phantom of the Opera* ("The Phantom strikes," Theatre, Oct. 25). Well, the Phantom-going public appears to take what it sees and hears. Could it be that they are being overcaressed? Blackboxed? Bored? A skilled and tedious show? Let's have more of them and, for good measure, let's tax us a few tickets and a sprinkle of alcohol. Most of us are looking for a little escapism in our lives. Back to the nattering nabobs of negativism.

Ken Chish,  
Ottawa

### CONFUSING ANNOUNCEMENT

It is concerning to see a senior public accountants recognition by one of Canada's leading magazines (Parade, Oct. 25). But perhaps you could have made sure that Wendy Delano's name was spelled correctly. There may be question by her colleagues worldwide whether it is actually Delano who has resigned as associate deputy minister of finance.

Jean Olivier,  
Ottawa

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### JUST PLAIN FUN

How suspicious of Melezes's to present an article on such an ebullient game ("The myths of myths," Cover, Oct. 2). As a sport consistently censured for being too slow, too dull, and too gross, baseball has come through again. It is a game we can all enjoy. Where hockey is violent, football rugged, and soccer too intricate, baseball is just plain fun.

Michael A. Terzano,  
Montreal, Ont.

### GERMAN EXODUS

Your statement that 12 million East Germans "fled to the West in the 13 years up to 1962" is misleading ("A mass exodus," World, Sept. 24). Before the current exodus, only about three million are estimated to have "voted with their feet since 1949" by escaping from East Germany for a better life in the West. Your total includes the earlier westward movement of almost 10 million expellees and refugees from the traditionally German territories east of the Oder-Neisse line (the present border between East Germany and Poland), as well as at least one million refugees from beyond traditional Germany.

Alvin Kinnatz,  
The Pan Man

### EXPANDING AMTRAK?

Is it too wild an assumption to suppose that the inherent haste with which the federal government is determined to denationalize Via Rail, at the same time that AMTRAK in the United States is expanding its services, is because AMTRAK will eventually be invited to extend its services into Canada?

Richard Westcott,  
Winnipeg

### GROUNDLESS GOSSIP

In the Sept. 28 Opening Note "An investment with no return," you state that Deane Mills arranged for 40 young women to work in Ottawa, and that they "designed to quit" in fact, the 27 (not 40) employees of the Best of the West program are very grateful for the opportunity. The writer of the article should have contacted the players in the Best of the West program rather than relying on the petty gossip of a few Ottawa hacks.

Mike McDonald,  
President,  
B.C. Young Liberals,  
Vancouver

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## Quebec's powerful secret weapon

BY DIANE FRANCIS

On a Sept. 37, two days after the Quebec provincial election, in a low-key restaurant in east-end Montreal, one of the province's most important economists, the giant pension-fund manager Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, threw a party. Journalists asked about signing where was with Caisse officials who had invited them to celebrate the publication of an official history of the Caisse called *La Machine à milliards* (The Billions Machine), written by author and freelance writer Marie Perle. While definitive, his slim paperback takes the size and power of the Caisse, which, with assets of \$34 billion, is now Canada's biggest single pool of capital and Canada's biggest and most influential stock-market investor.

The Caisse is a pension-fund powerhouse that can make or break corporate takeovers; its enthusiasm, or disdain, for a company can determine that company's future. But the Caisse has no solid dependence on its effective instrument of economic outmaneuver, a market-oriented alternative, which other governments around the world have been forced to emulate.

The Caisse started 28 years ago to administer Québec's portion of the Canada Pension Plan, set up by Ottawa and the provinces in 1965. But conspicuously absent from the book launch was Caisse architect and current Parti Québécois leader Jacques Parizeau, who quit, was in exile, to former Liberal premier Jean Lesage in the 1980s, to also a brilliant economist. While with Lesage, he foresaw the potential of creating a large pool of capital for provincial purposes and he convinced Lesage to seek permission from the federal government to let Québec co-opt the Canada Pension Plan funds collected in Québec. The federal government agreed, and at the same time it took the contributions collected in the nine other provinces and automatically, and proportionally, awarded them to provincial funds.

Dipping pools of pension capital to create

*The Caisse is so pervasive that it has been involved, directly or indirectly, in virtually every major takeover in Canada*

pools in Canada, or to enhance economic activity, is not unique to Québec. Alberta's and Saskatchewan's awarded heritage funds, derived from surplus oil-and-gas royalties, do the same. Other private-sector pension funds in Canada are forced to invest at least 50 per cent of their portfolios here at home. But the Caisse is unorthodox. Since 2001 it has invested in small Québec enterprises, and a relatively high portfolio—about \$10 billion or one-third of its portfolio, is invested in the stock market, mostly in companies with Québec head offices. What also sets the Caisse apart from other big pension investors is its assistance upon board representation of its share holdings in a company to its high-farther leveraging its influence.

Besides, the Caisse also outperforms most other pension plans, including private-sector ones, and has even diversified into managing money for others. The majority of its funds are now comprised of the pension savings of Québec's construction workers and civil servants as well as premiums generated by the province's Workforce Compensation Board and the province's auto-insurance scheme. This will ensure the Caisse's survival in light of the fact that the Canada and Québec pension plan portfolios are shrinking each year as workers

contributions decline and payouts increase due to the aging population.

The Caisse is so pervasive that it has been involved, directly or indirectly, in virtually every major takeover in Canada. Amongst the takeovers are Noranda Inc.'s purchase of Placer Dome Ltd. (Placer is a part of the Franco empire controlled by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and the Caisse), the battle for Québec grocery giant Starnberg Inc. (won by the Caisse and the Montreal-based transportation company Sococom Inc.), and the possible takeover of Compaq's Business Inc.

Even when the Caisse isn't involved in a takeover, it can get dragged into it. This year, some critics suggested that the Caisse should have tried to prevent the takeover of Montreal-based Consolidated Bathurst Inc. by U.S. interests. "We have no foreign-investment policy," says Caisse chairman Jean Gauthier, whose advisors are appointed by the provincial government but are autonomous by law. But Caisse: "We are looking for profit, short-term and long-term. We will evaluate offers and pick the best one. An offer doesn't have to be Canadian, but if two offers are equal, we will choose the Canadian bid over the foreign bid."

The Caisse deftly, and selectively, straddles around the occasionally contradictory goals of maximizing profits while maximizing jobs in Québec. "We cannot encourage companies to even to build plants in Québec or create jobs that lose money. But companies know that accepting accounting services from a Montreal firm instead of one from somewhere else will make us very happy," explains senior vice-president Michel Nadeau, who is in charge of visible account investments. While controversial economic nationalists dislike the Caisse's acceptance of foreign takeovers, they forget how much subtle influence it exerts through board representation or the fact that its ownership in a company virtually eliminates an unwelcome takeover.

Indeed, it is as if to say Compaq, Justice Minister, or indeed the Caisse support before proceeding because the Caisse owned about 19 per cent of Compaq stock. Similarly, Sococom owned the Caisse by taking a non-paying bid for Starnberg and by giving the Caisse what it wanted—a swap of stock for Starnberg's real-estate holdings.

Then there's the essence of the Caisse's effectiveness—profits before politics, which is all appropriate when managing other people's money. But, whenever possible, the Caisse also exploits Canadian savings to probably serve Canadian interests. "Of course, there are no winners," says Caisse: "The premier called me about the Starnberg bid because he was concerned that its loss would affect some out of Québec. But this is normal. Any premier is concerned about head offices moving. We also called about the takeover of Consolidated-Bathurst Inc. by State Street Corp. in Chicago last January. But we had only 10 per cent of Consolidated-Bathurst, and there was no chance to do anything to match that bid. With Starnberg, we could do something that was profitable to us. So we did."



## BY POPULAR DEMAND

A RETIRED  
GENERAL WINS  
ALBERTA'S  
UNIQUE ELECTION  
TO CHOOSE A  
SENATOR

**T**he crowd in the banquet hall of Calgary's Glenmore Inn left little doubt that, in their minds, the man they had gathered to cheer was already a member of Canada's upper chamber. An his supporters chanted "Senator, senator," 69-year-old retired general Stanley Waters stopped to the front of the hall to declare his victory in Alberta's unprecedented Senate nomination election. Guided by Premier Don Getty on Sept. 11 to press his demand for Senate reform, the election was the first to give Canadian voters the chance to choose a successor to fill a vacant Senate seat. In his victory speech, Waters, the candidate for the populist Alberta-based Reform Party of Canada, promised true to his oath: Ontario, pro-western platform by issuing a challenge to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who was attending the Commonwealth conference in Malaysia. "I had hoped to knock on Mr. Mulroney's door, but he is hiding in Kuala Lumpur," Waters declared. "I expect a late response from him—and in a short time."

**Puzzle:** With the Prime Minister not expected back in Canada until Oct. 29, the response may be some time in coming. Mulroney has made it clear that he is not bound to accept the outcome of last week's election and appeal the matter to the Senate. And the Prime Minister has let other Senate seats remain vacant for more than two years: But if Waters does get a chance to assume a seat, advocates of Senate reform say that he would be a potent symbol the only senator with voter support among the otherwise appointed members. They say that, in fact, Waters will be a standard-bearer for reforming the Senate into an elected body that represents regional interests.

Ultimately, the future of the Senate may hinge on the troubled Meese Lake constitutional accord, which, if ratified, would commit



Waters last week's vote intensified the debate over Senate reform and Meese Lake.

Ontario and the provinces to discussing Senate reform. Reform advocates such as New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna say that more substantial agreement on Senate reform is needed before the accord is ratified. But Ottawa, Quebec and Ontario are committed to passing Meese Lake unaltered before any further negotiations. Meanwhile, there was no strain in Waters's strongly anti-Meech stance: his election came about because of a revision Getty introduced to another of the accord's terms—one that permits provincial premiers to recommend Senate appointments to the Prime Minister. Getty said that he would let Waters's election stand as the recommendation. But although the premier sent a letter to the Prime Minister late last week, it was not known whether it contained only Waters's name, or a list of nominees headed by Waters in the election winner.

If Waters does join the Senate, he will share in the considerable power conferred on the chamber—on paper at least—by the Constitution Act of 1982. Despite heavy formal powers,

however, critics have dismissed the Senate as a haven for political patronage appointees. Some senators express their frustration with this charge, including Reform Montreal broadcaster Solange Chagnon-Rolland (page 30). Others point out that the chamber has recently taken a more active part in parliamentary decisions making, mainly because the Liberals, in opposition in the Commons, have a majority in the Senate (page 21).

**Beliefs:** In 1985, Alberta officially drew its weight behind the concept of a Triple E Senate—one that is elected, has equal representation from all the provinces and exercises effective powers (page 30). Such a reformed upper chamber, Getty argues, would give the less-populated provinces more influence over decisions made in Ottawa—and the Senate to impede legislation deemed harmful to specific regions.

But although Ottawa and the premiers have, to varying degrees, expanded their support for changes to the Senate, no clear consensus on reform has yet emerged. Moreover, the pre-

sents the accord have become tangled with the fate of the Meese Lake accord, which, by common agreement among Ottawa and the provinces, must be ratified by next June or leave that the accord is now irrelevant with both Manitoba and New Brunswick refusing to study it until Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells threatening to rescind his province's approval unless amendments are made.

Waters's electoral victory again focused debate on the Senate. Mulroney has said that he is bound to act in the spirit of the accord when making Senate appointments, picking a candidate from a list of nominees supplied by the premier of the province where the Senate vacancy occurs. But last week, the Prime Minister repeated his insistence that Alberta's Senate election was unconstitutional. Meese Lake, he said, calls for the provinces to submit not one name of an election winner, but "names—plural." The reaction was sparked in part by the caucus that appointing an anti-Ontario Reform Party member to the Senate

would marginalize him. Faced with a slate of six Senate candidates more than 257,000 of them voted for Waters—almost twice the number supporting Liberal runner-up William Coffey, who has also been the most public inquiry into the collapse of the Prairies Group. Conservative candidate Bert Brown, chairman of the 8,600-member Alberta-based Caucus for a Triple E Senate, came third with about 121,000 votes.

**Selbach:** For his part, McKenna said that the Prime Minister would face political difficulties if he ignored Waters's election. And, he added, "the Meese Lake debate should be expanded. I hope that it would culminate in a parallel accord, which would include Senate reform." But Ontario Premier David Peterson, for one, dismissed that notion. Although Peterson has realized his support of Senate reform, he said that "the first priority is Meese Lake." Added Peterson: "We are not going to get serious discussions on the issue until Quebec is part of the Constitution. If Meese doesn't go through, it is going to act back the discussions of Senate reform for a long time."

For Getty, meanwhile, last week's election had ramifications that extended far beyond the constitutional debate. Alberta's history is rich in sweeping political change, from the Liberals' master by the United Farmers of Alberta in 1903 and that party's 1905 loss to Premier William Aberhart's Social Credit party in the end of Aberhart's dynasty in 1957, when Peter Lougheed's Tories swept to power. Some observers termed Brown's poor showing for the Tories last week a sign of voter discontent with Getty's government and of its vulnerability to the Reform Party. The party was formed in 1987 to provide Albertans with an alternative federal voice, and, under the leadership of Edmonton's 55-year-old incumbent Premier Manning, it elected its first MP, Deborah Grey, in a by-election last March. The three is mounting pressure within the party to conduct the next provincial election.

"There is a zone for a provincial party," said Charles Benoit, a Calgary printing broker and Reform Party member. "In Alberta, voters become disaffected and find there is a landslide to a new party." Getty can only hope that his campaign in and a new senator in Parliament will not propel him down a slippery slope at home.

**PRETER KIMVILLER** and **JOAN MORSE** in Calgary 1987. **KIMVILLER** in Toronto and **MARC CLARK** in Ottawa.



Getty seeking more provincial influence in Ottawa.

would erode the credibility of federal Conservatives in Alberta. Privately, senior Tory staffers were furious that Getty had put Mulroney squarely on the spot.

**Likely:** Such prognostics of Senate reform and the Mulroney should listen to the voice of Alberta's voters and accept Waters's nomination. More than 40 per cent of Alberta's 1.55 million eligible voters cast senatorial ballots in the election, half in conjunction with provin-

## National Notes

## BUDGET CONVICTION

As Ontario provincial court judge Brian Dean McCaughey, 39, guilty of possession of stolen property for his role in leaking a summary of the April federal budget. McCaughey, who was an employee of the federal government's printing office and was fired last month, explained that he took the pamphlet from work at his desk and gave it to a friend, Robert McFarlane, whose father works for Mutual Life of Canada. McCaughey faces a penalty of up to six months in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

## TRANSPORT PANEL NAMED

The opposition accused Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of overlooking with Conservatives a royal commission that will look into passenger transportation in Canada in the 21st century. Mulroney named Louis Hynes, a former Alberta Tory provincial treasurer, to chair the commission. Among the eight other appointees: Susan Paul, a former Conservative provincial cabinet minister in Ontario, and John Hamilton, a former Tory MP.

## FELMON STUDIES FRENCH

Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon, who once opposed extending French language rights in his province, said that he has been studying the language with a private tutor for more than six months. Declared Filmon: "I am not doing it as a gimmick. I see it as a very useful and practical skill."

## FEAR IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Hundreds of fearful residents of New Brunswick's N.B. held a meeting to criticize the RCMP and New Brunswick for their lack of progress in dealing with a series of kidnappings. In the past, the RCMP has been accused of kidnapping four others in four separate incidents in the area since May.

## A WARNING FROM WILLES

Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells, who says that the 1987 Meese Lake constitutional accord would weaken Canada and Newfoundland if implemented, gave formal notice in a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney that he will request the accord granted by former premier Brian Peckford unless the pact is amended.

## A SIFI SENTENCE

An Ontario Superior Court jury in Toronto found James Harbottle, 31, guilty of first-degree murder in the 1986 torture, rape and killing of Diane Brown, 17. Harbottle, who had testified that he was "brief" on 130 of the time of the killing, was sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. Another youth, 16, is awaiting trial.



## ANDERSON, LACROIX, AND HENNINGSEN 2011



Liberals in the Senate, who only control the 35 Taxes. That majority also allows the Liberals to control the 12 permanent committees where most significant Senate business occurs. Senate committees have the power to amend legislation and they control the speed with which Commons legislation receives upper house approval—a necessary step before any bill is passed into law.

In the past, Senate critics assailed some committee chairmen as visible symbols of abuse of power on behalf of special interests. The late senator Salazar Hayden, for example, chaired the Senate Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee for 32 years until 1983, while simultaneously building 19 corporate directorships, including that of a chartered bank. Since then, the Senate has ostracized its committee members to divest themselves of any personal holdings that might conflict with their committee work.

**Spotty:** Well, some senators insist that only a few of their colleagues—notably Vermont's unusual 56-year-old Lammie, who seldom attends strings—persist in the spotty attendance that gives their issue a reputation for climate absenteeism. Next year, the senators are expected to introduce a new system of monitoring attendance, which would make any senator's absence a matter of public record. And last week, a committee reviewing parliamentary rules and procedures recommended changes that would eliminate the restricted seating of senators and require present members of \$50,000 a year net expense allowance of \$50,000. It also called for a reduction in the number of days of debate that





# THE TRIPLE E OPTION

## REFORMERS SEEK A NEW-LOOK SENATE

**T**hroughout his seven-year, cross-country crusade for an elected, equal and effective (Triple E) Senate, Cal incursions against the Brown brothers have been a constant. He has also encountered

some cynicism with the attitudes of Ontario and Quebec.  
But while many political observers concede that the present parliamentary system favors Central Canada, there is little agreement in their about the prospects for reform or about

Ed Senate, things could grow to a halt.  
Such doubts, however, do not find a voice in the Alberta government. In both 1983 and 1984, under premiers Peter Lougheed and Donald Getty, the Alberta legislature voted by an overwhelming margin to adopt a trade-fair

both sides and skepticism. In 1983, recalls the founder of the 8,000-member Canadian Conservatives for a Triple E Senate, a reporter in Calgary bludgeoned him that he was "the most politically naive human being in Canada." Four years later following a dinner meeting of Alberta Conservatives at Calgary's Palace Hotel, Brown asked External Affairs Minister Joe Clark if he supported a Triple E Senate. Declared Clark dismissively: "It is a half-baked idea that is going nowhere." Now, despite his own desire in last week's Alberta Senate nomination election—to cause a distant third as the Conservative candidate—and the uncertain prospects for Senate reform, Brown remains committed to the idea as ever. "We want an equal voice for all the provinces at the national level," he said, "and we will accept nothing less."

**Discontented:** Brown's dogged determination to reform Canada's Senate reflects a disenchantment with the structure of Canada's federal government that goes well beyond the Alberta roots of the campaign for a Triple E upper house. In Alberta, Canada as well, critics contend that the present arrangement of an elected Commons and an appointed Senate favors Ontario and Quebec. Those provinces, now accounting for 62 per cent of Canadian voters, have a dominating 174 (66 per cent) of the 285 Commons seats, which are distributed according to population. At the same time, advocates of reform argue that the existing 104-seat, government-appointed Senate has failed to perform the function that the Fathers of Confederation intended for it: giving the smaller provinces an effective voice at the federal level to protect their regional interests. Parliament argue that appointed senators lack the authority to exercise the Senate's considerable constitutional powers. In addition, federally appointed senators are subject to the same party discipline as members of Parliament and therefore seldom speak for the provinces they ostensibly represent. (Elected Prince Edward Island Premier Joseph Ghis of the federal government: "We got the feeling we don't count as Ottawans. The moral interest be-



Voting for a nominee in Alberta: an elected Senate would have new moral authority

what model of independent Senate would be best. Critics of the Triple E concept allege that central Canada will never accept a Senate that gives Prince Edward Island, with a population of 128,000 people, equal representation with Ontario, which has 9.3 million residents. Such political sentiment. Proven Lyons, who recently attended from Ontario's Carleton University: "I would object like hell. It will not be tolerated." Other critics of the Triple E concept say that it could raise regional tensions and make Canada socially unappealing. (Brown's Minister, a political science professor at the University of Victoria, said that there could be political antagonism between conflicts erupted between the House of Commons and an elected Senate. Such idea: "If we had a more govern-

ment specifically calling for a Triple E Senate and removing a desired blueprint for such a reformed upper chamber. A Triple E Senate would be empowered to initiate, amend or veto legislation, but it could not authorize the spending of public money or levy taxes and would only be able to delay constitutional amendments for up to 180 days. In fact, under the Canadian Constitution, the present Senate enjoys much the same powers although they are, for the most part, rarely used. Under Alberta's plan, advocates argue, elected senators would have the moral authority to exercise that power.

**Elected:** Alberta's proposal would also reduce the size of the Senate. The present chamber's seats are distributed by region: the three Maritime provinces have 24 in total, Quebec and Ontario

Brown: "half-baked idea"



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have 34 seats, the four western provinces have a total of 34. Newfoundland has six, and the Yukon and the Northwest Territories have one each. Alberta would reduce that to 34—one from each province and two each for the territories. Voters would elect three of each province's senators during each provincial election, and a third of serving under age 75 senators would sit for the life of two legislatures, or a maximum of 10 years.

**Overhaul:** Alberta also proposes that senators from the same province sit together, regardless of party affiliation. That arrangement would do away with government and opposition sides at the Senate. As well, the positions of government and opposition leaders would be abolished. The new upper chamber would be run by a Senate executive council made up of the chairmen of the 10 provincial delegations. Alberta proposes that this council set the agenda for the Senate and name members to committees. And in order to reduce the potential for legislative stalemate, Alberta's version of a Triple E Senate provides a mechanism to defuse confrontations between the House of Commons and the upper chamber. In the case of bills that involved spending public money, the Alberta proposal would allow the Commons to override a Senate veto as evidenced by a simple majority. All other bills would require a second Commons vote carried by a majority larger than the Senate vote to reject the bill.

Over the past year, an Alberta task force on Senate reform has presented the province's proposals to senior government officials in Ottawa as well as to the other 11 provincial and

territorial capitals. Noted task-force member Peter Maclean, a non-president of the University of Alberta, "I didn't sense a lot of resistance to an elected Senate." In fact, some



Wells: "The current system is not acceptable."

provincial premiers, including Newfoundland's Clyde Wells and Manitoba's Gary Filmon, have emerged as supporters of Senate reform. Still Wells: "The current system is just not acceptable. It demonstrates society's sense of crisis is essential." Filmon said, "We're in the mercy of the great political parties when

it comes to decisions made in the Commons. I believe the Senate should be an object to that." The Manitoba premier acknowledged that a more effective Senate might undermine the role of provincial leaders. But, he told Maclean, "I don't have any difficulty with that."

In Ottawa, however, neither the Conservative government nor the opposition has gone beyond general party-policy statements regarding support for Senate reform. And critics say that, so long as the Senate remains as it is, Ontario and Quebec will continue to dominate sensitive provinces. University of Lethbridge political scientist David Elton and Peter McCormack, a report writer earlier this year for the Calgary-based Canada West Foundation, a nonprofit research and education center, asserted, "Of all the world's federal countries, Canada faces the most serious prospect of a national government perpetually dominated by the populations of a small number of provinces."

**Principle:** While the debate over Senate reform may be just beginning, it has demonstrated the potential for provoking deeply felt emotions among both the best of Canada's critics and its defenders. Changes, argued Elton last week, are needed because "it's not to stop the tyranny of Quebec and Ontario in this country." That view may be echoed much of Canada outside these two provinces.

**STACEY DENISH** with JANE JACOWE in Calgary. **MARGARET BROOKSBANK** is Winnipeg. **PAUL KAWALA** is Toronto. **MARC CLARK** is Ottawa and **GLENN ALLEN** in Halifax.

#### The Human Energy Behind Nuclear Energy

Dr. Eva Rosinger is the Director, Waste Management Concept Area in the Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL). She has been involved with the radioactive waste program since 1976. Dr. Rosinger is seen here at the used fuel storage bay at Gensco 2 Generating Station in Quebec.



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## VICTORY FOR A REFORMER

At 69, and with two successful careers—in the military and the construction business—Burling Ives, Toronto, Ives would claim the right to a quiet retirement. Instead, the grey-haired former owner of Ives and Ives' construction division in Alberta is looking forward to devoting his considerable energies to the fight for Senate reform. Maclean's Alberta Bureau Chief John Brown interviewed the Reform Party's at-large candidate for Calgary.

**Maclean's:** What message does your election and to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney?

**Ives:** Very simple: that I am the selection of Albertans for the Senate, and when you are going to appoint me I do not want being brought around as babies as the neo-liberalists.

**Maclean's:** Was the demand for Senate reform the only message for Ontario in this election?

**Ives:** Also that Meek Lake must die, 'so to the general sales tax, not government spending, and remove the Official Languages Act. Maclean's: How in your opinion?

**Ives:** I look forward to seeing you again, but my French is poor. And I'm too old to try improving it. I'm not going to go to speak French in the Senate.

**Maclean's:** What are the reasons in government speaking that you particularly oppose?

**Ives:** The billions they spend preparing up such institutions just to keep a few jobs going. Government should stay out of the business cycle. Businessmen prosper and die. It is natural. I am at heart a capitalist. For Canada is a good example. And Peter Canada should be next. It has no role to be interfering with small stores selling pig and candy. I am also very much against funding of special-interest groups, whether it be the Indian Indian or Foundation. Maclean's: If the Prime Minister does put you in the upper house, how will

you regard your new senators?

**Ives:** I will have nothing to do with them, with any of them, except to suggest Alberta's senators. I see the Senate now as a comfortable little club. My mandate is to reform the place. An elected senator has no real authority.

**Maclean's:** How long will you serve?

**Ives:** Everytime I vote at 75, as I will be at most on June.

**Maclean's:** How many votes do you have?

**Ives:** He placed me in election night with his congratulations. That was a classy act. But some of the vote came from Albertans sending him a message. He has problems with over-indebtedness, that 30-cent per pig like for what last month was greeted with outrage.

**Maclean's:** From your experience as like campaign. Are you formed on a impression of what it takes to be in a job in house?

**Ives:** You need the vision of a water buffalo, the love of a horse and the energy of a gopher driver. D.



# ONE SENATOR'S CRUSADE

'I COULD BE WINSTON CHURCHILL IN A SKIRT'

**S**o long Chaput-Rolland says that she was not looking for a third career when she was appointed to the Senate in 1986. At 65, the award-winning former broadcaster and politician was completing a book about her husband André's long battle with cancer—a book that would shortly find the best-seller list in Quebec. She was preparing a screenplay, working on other book projects and, as the best-known elder stateswoman of her province, was in constant demand for speaking engagements. But almost a year later, the only inexperience woman in the Senate is under-mentally frustrated—not only by the quality of many of her colleagues but by the public's lack of interest in the Senate. Dejected Chaput-Rolland: "I could be Winston Churchill in a skirt and pronounce the most miserably speeches, and eat a dinner table in listening. Because senators are supposed to be dumb, dull or sitting around playing bridge."

As a result, Chaput-Rolland is planning another book: her action for improving the Red Chamber. She says that senators themselves have caused their image problems. She added: "There is an infinite number of things that senators themselves could change." Among them, says Chaput-Rolland, the lack of courtesy of senators' attendance and the number of perks that senators enjoy.

**Kick.** Many of those who regularly monitor the Senate's proceedings say Chaput-Rolland promotes the potential of Parliament's frequently ridiculed upper chamber. It is not that more lessons for the members who don't show up than for those who do, Chaput-Rolland has made herself conspicuous by her presence, missing only two sitting days during her term. She is also a member of two committees—transport and communications as well as legal and constitutional affairs. For his part, Senator Nabes Norpitz, chairman of the legal and constitutional affairs committee, and Chaput-Rolland adds brightness and energy to the frequently staid proceedings of the Senate.

"She's going to take some of us guys and really kick our butts around," said, once Chaput-Rolland says that her early experiences in her new role were discouraging. She added: "When I arrived, nobody told me where to go, or what to do, or where the bathroom was. The men here got by fine. But for a 70-year-old widow, it can be very lonely." And after a year on the job, her assessment of her colleagues is mixed. But Chaput-Rolland: "There are some people who take advantage of the Senate. On the other hand, there are a lot of good, hard-working individuals who do constructive work and make a solid contribution."

**Vote.** Chaput-Rolland says that the Senate can reform itself. As a start, she says that senators should have a role in selecting new members. Until recently, that choice was exclusively up to the Prime Minister alone. That changed with the Meech Lake accord: under its terms, a senator is chosen by the Prime Minister from a list provided by the province of



Chaput-Rolland condemning apathy about the Senate

the province in which the Senate vacancy occurs—the practice that longtime Chaput-Rolland learned in the Senate. But last week, she said that a parliamentary committee should have the power to veto new appointments and to expel sitting senators if their performance is inadequate.

Attendance is clearly a sensitive issue with a woman who has so rarely missed a Senate sitting. She said: "We are judged by the shortest sessions, not by those of us who are there day after day." The former broadcaster added that senators could also gain public respect by giving up some of their privileges, ranging from subsidized meals to free travel. Dejected Chaput-Rolland: "Privileges are all right when they go with duty. We have too many privileges and too few obligations."

**Term.** Chaput-Rolland has been criticized for her own public performance in the past. In 1977, former prime minister Pierre Trudeau named the rough-minded parliament to the Piquet-Rolland Task Force on Canadian Unity. Then, her emotional appeals for understanding between the country's two language communities led some Quebec critics to nickname her *Nobis Deus dei invenit* (Our Lady of Tears). And Jean-Luc Pepin, the former Liberal cabinet minister who co-authored the compromise, recalled: "She was difficult, obstinate, unapologetic and disagreeable throughout the whole two years. But she questioned everything, and that was her job."


Her high public profile helped her to win a seat as a permanent Liberal MP in 1973. After she lost that seat in 1982, Chaput-Rolland returned to broadcasting, writing a highly successful weekly television show about a cabinet minister and his family. Her co-writer at that time, Michelle Babin, the wife of Tory Senator Jean Babin, who has worked with Chaput-Rolland on various projects, noted: "I find it incredibly uplifting to work with her. She knows what she wants and she never stops until she gets it." Added one former political rival: "If Selinger did not exist, you would have to invent her. That being said, she is unbearable." With such attributes, the experience of the Senate's best qualities is confronting its worst weaknesses.

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# An ambiguous victory

A trade panel on fish sends mixed messages

It was an artfully balanced riding in a complex and touchy subject. So it was not especially surprising when last week's decision by the first international panel set up under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA), produced widely differing interpretations of whether Canada was for or lost in the outcome. The ruling partly overruled a Canadian policy that since last April has required that all salmon and herring caught off British Columbia be landed in Canada. Others had argued that it needed the rule in order to monitor fish stocks. But American fish processors complained that the requirement was a fact in place to prevent Canadian fish from being processed in U.S. plants—in contravention of the FTA. Last week, the five-member trade panel ruled that Canada had indeed breached the FTA. It also directed that in such as one fifth of the salmon and herring caught off British Columbia should be made directly available to foreign buyers.

Critics of the Free Trade Agreement immediately interpreted that decision as an endorsement of Canadian sovereignty that would lead



Salmon fishing in B.C.; layoff fears

to layoffs in Canadian fish plants. An irony as 8,000 people work in 212 B.C. fish processing plants, which in some cases provide the only source of employment in remote communities near coastal B.C. fisheries. The decision is also an endorsement of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union. "It seems to be a sound decision, where the U.S. is applying all the restrictions. It confirms our worst fears [about free trade]," said Stiller, who represents a salmon Vancouver riding in Parliament, claimed that the decision was a victory for Canada. The minister noted that the panel had agreed with Canada's position that it has the authority to make rules directed at conserving its fish stocks—and allowed Ottawa to continue directing 80 per cent of the catch to Canadian processors. Still, Stiller and the cabinet would take the full 30 days that it is allowed under the FTA before announcing whether it will abide by the panel's decision. If Canada ignores the ruling, the FTA allows the United States to impose penalties to offset whatever injury Canada's decision causes to American fish plants.

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**BRIAN BURCHMAN** with **DEBRA WOLFF** in Vancouver and **MARC CLARK** in Ottawa

# The continental divide

An American sees Canada's uniqueness fade

One of North America's most prominent academics says that Canada is becoming markedly more like the United States. Seymour Martin Lipset, 67, a professor of sociology and political science at California's Stanford University, told his first teaching job at the University of Toronto in the late 1940s and has devoted much of his career to the study of Canada. His new book, *Continental Divide, studies the diminishing differences between Canadian and American values. Maclean's Associate Editor Paul Harkin interviewed Lipset last week.*

**Maclean's:** What has traditionally distinguished Canada from the United States?  
**Lipset:** The founding principles of the two nations are quite different. It goes back to the American Revolution. What ensued out of it was a strong entrepreneurial and populist ideology. The United States was the country of the revolution, the country of equality. English Canada was formed by people who rejected the American Revolution. Canada's strategy was one of hierarchy, of a strong central state, and the monarchy. And just as English Canada

rejected the American Revolution, French Canada rejected the French Revolution. So Canada rejected two revolutions. They were the centries of the 18th century. **Maclean's:** What implications does that have for the two countries today?  
**Lipset:** Canada has an emphasis on big government, using the state for economic purposes. It is more state-conscious and collectivist than the United States. The writer Robertson Davies has described Canada as a "socialist monarchy." The United States, on the other hand, has witnessed a triumph of the classic laissez-faire liberalism of the 19th century. **Maclean's:** Do you think that the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement will bring the political cultures of the two countries closer together?  
**Lipset:** Free trade will increase the economic relationships between the two countries but it won't necessarily lead to a decline in the cultural differences between them. **Maclean's:** Do you believe that Canada is becoming more like the United States? Why?  
**Lipset:** What I think is most important that

the Free Trade Agreement is reducing the differences between the two countries is Canada's 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The charter is an important part of the key aspect of the American Constitution—the bill of rights.

**Maclean's:** How is it changing Canada?  
**Lipset:** The focus on rights has been an American tradition. Canadians have been much less focused on rights and more likely to ask Parliament or the Courts for privileges. In that sense, the charter is a very American document. It puts a limit on parliamentary supremacy. That it also puts a limit on the power of the politicians and the state. And it encourages people to go to court to fight for their rights. **Maclean's:** How has Canada changed since the charter was introduced?

**Lipset:** There is a greater emphasis on individualism, rather than group-constructivism. The charter has prompted individuals to emphasize about state action. Canada has become a more classically liberal, libertarian society. **Maclean's:** Is there any area in which the two countries are moving in differing directions?  
**Lipset:** After Confederation, the emphasis in Canada was on a strong central state, while in the United States there was an emphasis on states' rights. But in modern times, Canada has become much more decentralized, while there has been an increase in federal power in the United States. If it is realized, the Meech Lake accord would be the ultimate disintegration of Canadian federal powers. □



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## FAMILY QUARREL



Maloney with other Commonwealth leaders, aides and advisors in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: divisions amid cordiality

For the 46 Commonwealth leaders who attended last week's summit in Kuala Lumpur, there was one welcome respite from the oppressive heat and exhaust-choked streets of the Malaysian capital. Leaving behind the heat of their delegations, the leaders and their spouses flew to a secluded, palm-fringed beach resort on an island 300 km northwest of the city. Cooled by a sea breeze, they enjoyed a buffet dinner of lobster, langoustine, cod, salmon and duck à l'orange before settling down for 3½ days of informal, unstructured discussion. But the cordial-atmosphere masked deeper divisions. The Commonwealth's deliberations were marred by a dispute between Britain and its former colonies over the use of economic sanctions to press pressure against the white-minority government of South Africa.

Many of the participants said that the disagreement with Britain over sanctions, which came to a head at the last biennial summit, in Vancouver in 1987, had actually helped to strengthen the 49-member Commonwealth. South African Prime Minister P. W. Botha, Canada's special representative in southern Africa and the Commonwealth. "For a long time, the

## THE LATEST COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT FAILED TO MEND OLD DIVISIONS OVER SOUTH AFRICA

Commonwealth was searching for something it could do. When apartheid came along, it took the most real and with it." At the same time, the organization is enjoying renewed popularity among several developing countries that had previously questioned its relevance.

The host of last week's meeting, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad, told the delegates that he had been reassured, leaving the association, but had decided that it remained "an important forum for the discussion and even the settlement of some international

problems." For her part, Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto expressed pleasure that her country was rejoined the Commonwealth 17 years after it rejoined in protest, when several Commonwealth countries recognized Bangladesh, formerly part of Pakistan.

Privately, Canadian officials predicted that the final communiqué, to be issued at the conclusion of the seven-day meeting this week, would likely call for the maintenance of economic sanctions against South Africa. These include bans on its links, new investment in South Africa, and exports of South African minerals, steel, coal, uranium and agricultural products. But the officials added that the association would likely reject a proposal by the African National Congress (ANC)—which had a representative at the summit—to call for a global oil embargo and for tighter restrictions on arms sales to Pretoria.

External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, who heads the Commonwealth committee on South Africa, said that the association's objective is to give South African President P. W. Botha, whose National Party was elected last month on a platform of moderate reform, a chance to deliver on his promises. Those ex-

clude undertakings to dismantle apartheid and to open negotiations on a new constitution that would extend political rights to blacks. But Clark added, "It does a little more. The South African government can expect that Canada and other nations will pursue sanctions with even more vigor."

By withholding new sanctions, the delegates clearly were trying to avoid widening the division with Britain. At the same time, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher made it clear that she is disinclined with the sanctions that are already in place. During a speech by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney denouncing the slow pace of reform in South Africa, Thatcher said emphatically her hands were tied as long as the rest of the leaders applied vigorously. Later, she criticized the other leaders for saying that banks should impose tough restrictions on lending to South Africa.

According to a British official, Thatcher described the plan as "utterly irresponsible," adding that it would punish South Africa at a time when its leaders were demonstrating a sincere desire for reform. Said Thatcher, "We are more likely to achieve our aim by giving encouragement rather than by clanking restraints has happened." In an apparent effort to

undercut the sanctions lobby, South Africa announced last week that its creditors had agreed to a 20½ year new hotel set plan for \$9.4 billion in debt that would have fallen due last June. The ANC condemned the decision by the private banks as "an act of dirty money" and the congress vowed to step up pressure on Pretoria.

The division between Britain and its former colonies extended to other issues as well. Led by Malaysia, most of the underdeveloped countries and its partners in the Commonwealth to set up an international fund—financed in large part by Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand—to pay for environmental cleanup in poor countries. Said Mahatir, "The poor must not be made to pay for the past and present sins of the rich."

Thatcher, quickly adding that each country has to take responsibility for its own problems. To secure Thatcher's signature, the leaders had to settle for a noncommittal declaration that expressed good intentions on the environment without promising specific action. The declaration was signed by the official of the British press service. "She knows that not to sign the press agency with

her, but it does not bother her in the least."

The Commonwealth leaders did manage to reconcile their differences on another issue: the selection of a new secretary general to replace Sir Donald Rumsfeld, 61, a passionate opponent of Third World causes who has led the organization for the past 14 years. Rumsfeld is retiring next June. Canada's choice for the post had been former Australian prime minister Malcolm Fraser, who was official and would help to pressure support for the Commonwealth at the wealthier member nations. Fraser's rival was Nigerian Chief Bakola Ayemba, the Commonwealth's current deputy secretary general. To paper over divisions, they held a secret ballot and declared Ayemba had been elected unanimously.

On that, harmony among the leaders was more apparent than real. Still, the air of crisis and pessimism that hung over the Commonwealth three years ago, when more than half of the member nations protested Thatcher's administration with withdrawing from the Commonwealth. Games in Edinburgh, seemed largely to have disappeared. Instead, the leaders—with the exception of Thatcher—claimed credit for helping to press South Africa into adopting a few modest reforms. Zambian Pres-



Thatcher and Rumsfeld at the summit: 'an important forum'

dent Kenneth Kaunda told Mulroney's last night, "Mrs. Thatcher knows our position, and we know hers. We do not like it, but that is where it remains." Even though it accepted little else, the Kuala Lumpur summit demonstrated that support for the Commonwealth among its far flung and politically diverse members remains strong.

ROSS LARSEN in Kuala Lumpur

## World Notes

## DEATH IN THE MOUNTAINS

A Honduran carbon burner 727 jetliner crashed and burned on a mountain—killing at least 131 of the 146 people aboard—seven officials said. The plane crashed and approached to crash, the report of Honduran, an air-traffic controller from San José, Costa Rica, after a stop in Managua, Nicaragua. Some people escaped from the half-moment crash on Oct. 21, but many were trapped in nearby woods. Others who had been rescued died later, in medical school.

## IN PRAISE OF GODFREY

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker praised President Ronald Reagan's Godfrey's policy of economic restructuring, and said that the United States is prepared to provide a \$100 million loan to help the country's economy. It was a sharp departure from statements by other administration officials, who have recently expressed concerns that the reforms may fail.

## A STUNNING LEGAL REVERSAL

Britain's Chief Justice Lord Lane ruled that the Guildford Four, three Irishmen and an Englishwoman, were wrongly convicted in 1975 of Irish Republican Army bombings in police—that killed seven people—after a lawyer for the Office of Public Prosecutions said that police gave false evidence in their original trial.

## INDIAN ELECTIONS CALLED

Just a surprise move, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called parliamentary elections for Nov. 22 and 24. India's other factions opposition parties, who have accused Gandhi's ruling Congress party of corruption, have vowed to field common candidates at most constituencies.

## ONE-PARTY RULE ENDS

In Hungary, parliament voted overwhelmingly for constitutional changes that effectively ended one-party rule in the country. Among the changes were measures to strengthen all reformers to the leading role of the Communist party, which has been discredited and steered the Hungarian Socialist party.

## A FRIENDLY VISIT

Prime Minister Kautila Rungta and his wife, Manu, began a six-day visit to Japan as members of both the Japanese government and the Phipps International Communications Group. Rungta, who operates a newspaper, and television and radio stations, will pay the Rungta \$1 million for exclusive news coverage, according to Japanese reports.



## MALAYSIA

# The Thatcher factor

Canada sides with a Commonwealth majority



Macdonald, Kwa's Kenneth Kwa: a 48-to-2 split 'wrote Canada just fine'

The announcement from Pretoria clearly took members of the Canadian delegation by surprise. At the Commonwealth conference in Kuala Lumpur last week, officials voiced optimism that major international leaders would soon suggest tougher lending restrictions on South Africa in order to force that country's white-minority regime to abandon apartheid. But only hours before the Commonwealth leaders took up the issue, South Africa disclosed that its creditors had already voted a \$4.4 billion of its \$29.4 billion foreign debt—on terms that were no more onerous than in the past. The announcement was particularly embarrassing for Canada, which has spearheaded a campaign to use South Africa's debt as a lever to bring about political reforms.

Outside the meeting, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney played down the significance of the report. He added, "South Africa has put out a bomb fire, but there is still a forest fire in front of it." That generally, one of his most senior officials acknowledged that the timing of the announcement had been a setback. He added the official, "The Commonwealth is trying to put pressure on South Africa, and

South Africa is telling us it does not hurt."

The overall outcome of the Kuala Lumpur summit, however, appeared likely to reinforce Canada's standing and influence in the Commonwealth. Both publicly and during the leaders' closed-door sessions, Mulroney took the lead in attacking South Africa and in repelling British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's claim that sanctions hurt only white South African leaders took up the issue. "Forty-eight members of the Commonwealth are going one way and one is going another way—and that's not Canada just fine." His advocacy role was praised from African and Caribbean leaders.

Although Canadian officials denied that Canada was seeking to assert a leadership role in the expansion, their conduct clearly reflected a desire to ease the diplomatic high ground. To ensure that Canada's advantage got across to the other 48 member nations, the Canadian delegation held frequent news conferences and all-nighter meetings, to which reporters from other Commonwealth countries were usually invited. By contrast, the British contingent kept a much lower profile, and Thatcher herself made few public statements. Privately,

Canadian officials readily acknowledged the tense relations between the Canadian and British delegations. "We are not looking for a spotlight with the Brits," said one adviser, "but if they start one, they will have a fight on their hands."

South Africa's announcement on debt-rescheduling strained the atmosphere even more. According to British officials, Thatcher told a closed session in South Africa that banks had a right to protect their shareholders. But two Canadian officials, speaking on condition that they not be identified, said that there was widespread suspicion among Commonwealth members that the British government was partly responsible for the timing of the decision. They noted that the financial consortium that set the terms for the debt-rescheduling is led by three large British banks: National Westminster, Barclay's and Standard Chartered. Of the \$9.4 billion affected by the agreement, \$6 billion is owed to these institutions. By contrast, only \$145 million of the total is owed to Canadian banks. Said one official, "Nobody can prove it, but almost everybody you talk to says because they are convinced that Thatcher had a hand in this thing. In the short run, it is an important public-relations coup for her."

At the same time, Canadian officials claimed that they had played a key role in attempting to arrange a compromise on whether sensitive sectors, such as the environment, the dispute arose when Third World members, led by Malaysia and India, demanded that the industrial countries pick up part of the cost of controlling pollution in poorer countries. When Thatcher opposed that approach, the Canadians and New Zealand delegations drafted a compromise position that reduced the idea of such a fund to principle, without specifying how and when it would be established. Said Mulroney, "The agreement is really the beginning of bridging the problem. It is not the solution."

Canada was less subject from its Third World partners when it offered to provide funding for a proposed Commonwealth agency that would work to strengthen democracy in member countries. Said Mulroney, "There are places where there are violations of human rights, and they should be monitored and corrected." But when Prime Minister Mulroney, Mulroney, rejected the initiative. Mulroney, whose government has been accused by Amnesty International of supporting political opponents and turning some prisoners, said that industrialized countries have "inspired economic development in the developing world" by focusing on basic education and restoring work for the unemployed. Third World nations, Mulroney added, and later that Canada was proposing to offer advice to other countries on human rights only if they specifically requested it. By any measure, it was a modest undertaking. But even so, it gave Canada's delegates, and was better than nothing at all.

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### Fires of nationalism

*Azerbaijanis press for greater autonomy*

With his grey hair, shuffling gait and soft spoken manner, **Aliyev Aliyev** fits the image of the scholar he has been for the past 30 years. For most of that time, the 53-year-old Aliyev has spent his days studying centuries-old documents as part of his work as a director of the Institute of Man-

uscripted deep racism and controversy in the Kremlin. The largely Muslim republic, which borders on Iran, is rich in oil and it is a potential rallying point for the Soviet Union's 45 million Muslims. In addition, for 30 months, Azerbaijan has been battling neighboring Armenia for control of the naturally autonomous region of

Popular Front leaders say that citizens are unlikely to improve soon. It is not even so deep that some Azerbaijanis claimed that the devastating Armenian earthquake last December was the result of divine intervention. Like the quake that struck San Francisco last week, it registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, but resulted in more damage and claimed 25,000 lives. Said group organizer **Solihab Huseynov**: "Azerbaijanis have a saying that speaks here: 'You destroyed my house, so let Allah destroy yours.'" In an apparent attempt to appease nationalist feeling, Azerbaijan's parliament passed legislation on Sept. 25, asserting the republic's control over its own resources, including its oil supplies, and its right to full sovereignty. But these conclusions have only heightened the fears of many Azerbaijanis for



Funeral procession for a 16-year-old girl in Baku: day and night, residents face gunfire, explosions, arson and pogroms.

scripts in Baku, the capital city of the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan. But 18 months ago, Aliyev decided to work only part time at the institute, and he transferred himself into an unlikely but angry rebel with a series of causes. Now, from his tiny apartment-study walk up apartment, he plots the activities of Azerbaijan's rapidly growing Popular Front movement, which he leads. The grassroots group, which organizers say has more than 200,000 members, is pressing for dramatic measures in the republic's autonomy from Moscow. Said Aliyev: "It is a matter of time until Azerbaijan becomes an independent country."

In fact, the strength of the Azerbaijan Popular Front, coupled with the growing dissatisfaction of the republic's seven million people, has

Nagorno-Karabakh, a tiny, mountainous enclave with an Armenian majority that has been under Azerbaijan's jurisdiction since 1922. In the Soviet Union, where ethnic tensions have been breaking out everywhere, from the Baltics in the west to Transcaucasia in the south, President Mikhail Gorbachev has cited Nagorno-Karabakh as the country's worst example of ethnic strife.

Soviet officials say that thousands have died in the conflict, which is rooted in historical differences between the largely Muslim Azerbaijanis and the mostly Christian Armenians. In the past two months, Azerbaijanis have staged strikes that have shut down supplies of fuel and many basic foods to Armenia.

Armenia control (declared Bereznev). "We are just beginning the fight."

Those efforts have already contributed to a near-crisis situation in Armenia, whose residents are still struggling to rebound from the earthquake. With winter approaching, the Azerbaijanis' blockade of fuel has almost halted recovery efforts in stricken areas. Although Soviet authorities have begun supplying food to the republic, Armenians' spokesmen say that citizens are suffering widespread shortages of such things as rice, flour and vegetables. Said **Asya Kiseleva**, an Armenian housewife: "There is nothing to eat in Yerevan."

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But Azerbaijanis say the most striking feature of Russian influence is the way in which the government functions. Although Azerbaijan is the official state language, most important government meetings are conducted in Russian. In 1938, the Soviet government approved the old Azerbaijan Arabic alphabet and imposed the Russian Cyrillic alphabet. As a result, most Azerbaijanis cannot read signs of their most important cultural artifacts, including ancient and treasured copies of the Koran, the most holy possession of Muslims.

As well, although the Russians comprise only eight per cent of the republic's population, they make up 18 per cent of the population of Baku, the republic's most affluent area, and hold 41 per cent of white-collar jobs in the city. The result, say Muslim leaders, is that Azerbaijanis are being forced to live under a Russian yoke.

After repeated skirmishes last year, Moscow created a special commission in January to administer the area. But this solution did not satisfy either side and both Azerbaijanis and Armenians have lately called the Kremlin for scaling troops from the Soviet outside ministry to restore order. Earlier this month, an official of the Soviet consulate, Valeri Sokolov, said that the region was in danger of becoming a "house-made Lebanon" racked by permanent civil warfare. Sokolov's "70s a day or night goes by without gunfire, explosions, riot, blood, tears and pogroms." The Soviet weekly newspaper *Moskovsky Novosti* (Moscow News) reported recently that cables of ethnic Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh were striking troops bringing them badly needed food and supplies.

Meanwhile, many Azerbaijanis express bitterness over Moscow's decision to take direct control of the area. Declared one Baku resident, a man in his 20s who requested anonymity: "Imagine the United States declaring on its own to take over a piece of Canada, and you have no idea how we feel." That decision has awakened anger, but previously latent, anti-Russian sentiments among Azerbaijanis. Said Aliyev: "We are tired of the Russian language and people having the most important places in our republic."

The uneasy blending of the two cultures is most apparent in Baku, a Caspian Sea city with a population of 1.6 million. Some of its

buildings show the influence of classic Middle East architecture, even if their domes look like the 12th century. But Baku also has modern, gleaming, Soviet-style overtures. And the city's most dominant features are two huge statues of the co-leaders of the Soviet state, Vladimir Lenin, and a futuristic radio and television transmission tower.



Aliyev seeking freedom

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Many Azerbaijanis maintain that Russian are suspicious of them because of their different, ethnic, historical and religious backgrounds. Azerbaijanis who control that the Soviet republics have gained their freedom in the last few years with Muslims and other Azerbaijanis in neighboring countries, Azerbaijan and part of neighboring Iran were used until the 19th century, and Azerbaijan has been in many as 50 million other Azerbaijan live there. But in spite of nearly developing ties between Iran and the Soviet Union, and a visit by Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to Baku earlier this year, Azerbaijanis say that both governments discourage such visits. Said Aliyev: "Moscow seems to keep us apart from our brothers and sisters."

This comment will also certainly dampen the Soviet-led crackdown on the disquieting prospect of Azerbaijan declaring political independence. In a speech in Moscow in Sept. 19, Gorbachev pointedly warned that he would take "resolute measures" to counter the spread of "the greatest source of independence, terrorism, etc." Declared the Soviet leader: "We cannot allow anarchy, or else bloodshed." To an increasing number of Azerbaijanis, that kind of intervention from Moscow is part of the problem—not a solution.

ANTHONY WILSON-SMITH is in Baku.

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## THE SOVIET UNION

# A pain-filled mystery

Moscow is elusive about the Wallenberg case

When Andrei Gromyko, Mikhail Gorbachev's predecessor as president of the Soviet Union, died in July, it seemed possible that one of the Cold War's most burning mysteries—the fate of the Swedish-born **Ronald Wallenberg**—might at last be solved. An deputy foreign minister, Gromyko had declared in 1957 that Wallenberg died of a heart attack 10 years earlier in a Moscow prison. Although successive Swedish governments, Wallenberg's siblings and other supporters were skeptical, that remained the official Soviet position, even under Gorbachev's policy of *glasnost* (openness). Then, last August, Wallenberg's relatives received an official statement in Moscow, raising hopes that his real fate might be revealed. But after three talks with foreign ministry and state security officials last week, the Wallenberg mystery remained as impenetrable as ever.

Arriving in Moscow, Wallenberg's half-sister, Nina Lagergren, 68, and half-brother, Guy von Dardel, 76, and they believed that he was still alive, aged 73, somewhere in a Soviet jail or labor camp. At weekly meetings they still expressed that conviction, despite foreign chatter by spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov's insistence that Wallenberg's death in 1947 was "an irrefutable fact."

In 1944, 31-year-old Wallenberg, a gentle, volunteered to go to Budapest under diplomatic cover in an attempt to save Hungarian Jews from the Nazi gas chambers. By supplying false Swedish passports and setting up dozens of safe houses flying the Swedish flag, Wallenberg did indeed rescue an estimated 20,000 people. When the city fell to the Red Army in January, 1945, the Soviets—apparently believing that Wallenberg was a capitalist spy—sent him under escort to Moscow, where he remained into the present system.

Although few observers share his family's belief that Wallenberg is in fact still alive, there is persuasive evidence that he survived long after his purported death in 1947. Apart from the testimony of fellow prisoners, the Swedes have official doubts about the authenticity of the document that Gromyko cited in 1957 as proof of Wallenberg's death. That document is a letter from the prison doctor at Moscow's Lubyanka prison to the then minister of state security, Viktor Abakumov. It says that "the prisoner Wallenberg, who is well known to you, died suddenly in his cell, presumably as a result of a heart attack." The doctor himself died in 1955. Abakumov was executed in 1954, and the Soviets insist that they have no other documents relating to Wallenberg.

That seems unlikely. As the leading Soviet human rights advocate Andrei Sakharov said in a recent article in the English-language weekly *Moscow News*: "The file of a foreign diplomat which could some day become crucial for the reputation of this country could not possibly be destroyed."

Still, all that the Soviet authorities could—or would—give the visiting Swedes last week was a copy of the 1947 letter and a box of Wallenberg's personal effects, which they said they had found in the man's apartment only last month. They included his passport, some notebooks, identity cards and bank notes in various currencies. Said Wallenberg's half-sister: "It was terribly emotional to



Wallenberg disappeared

see Ron's passport and photographs again." For his part, retired Swedish diplomat Per Arne—who served alongside Wallenberg in wartime Budapest—and he found it "possible" that the Soviets should suddenly have discovered the effects. "It gives us hope that they can find new things again," he said.

Last week, Soviet spokesman Gerasimov included Wallenberg's imprisonment and death among the crimes of the Stalin era. It was a "major mistake that has never been corrected," said Gerasimov, adding: "He was caught up in a web of lies and repression."

And Soviet officials said that this week, the Swedes could search through the cells and archives of Wallenberg prison, where other prisoners said they had seen the diplomat alive. Still, it was not clear why the Soviets revived Wallenberg's siblings to Moscow when they had no new evidence to provide. But as a report by an American International delegation said last week, "The he-man rights picture in the U.S.S.R. is deeply confusing."

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# In search of peace

Jordan's queen addresses regional conflicts

In a historic address to the Canadian Parliament on Oct. 11, Jordan's King Hussein, a moderate Arab leader who is widely considered to be an essential participant in efforts to reach a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, opened the door of understanding to the peace process by next spring on Egyptian proposal for negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Queen's University, formerly affiliated with the University of Toronto, is a leading Canadian university to support the American-born Queen Noor. 38 is a convert to Islam who has been active in promoting equal opportunities for women in Jordan since the married King Hussein in 1976 accepted an honorary law degree from the University of Calgary. Last week she talked with Maclean's Calgary Bureau Chief John Moore about subjects ranging from Jordan's peace-making efforts to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

**Maclean's:** What is the status of the Palestinian Liberation Organization in Jordan?  
**Queen Noor:** Since Jordan's independence from the administration of the West Bank (in 1988), the role has been increasing its international dialogue. It has begun talks with Canada and the United States and has had them to some extent in Europe. There are ongoing its status is enhanced.

**Maclean's:** Jordan has long sought an international peace conference in the Middle East. What are the prospects?  
**Queen Noor:** Jordan's position is constant, that there be peace and justice in the region. It feels the best chance for solving the regional conflicts is under the auspices of the United Nations. King Hussein has tried to bring people together, much much results. It will never stop its efforts.

**Maclean's:** Is there any sense of a peaceful future in Jordan?  
**Queen Noor:** Security is a state of mind. It depends on all nations in the region. Our own state is a few meters from the Israeli border. When I stand in front of my home, I can see parts of four countries. It is a peaceful place,

but it would be even more peaceful if my border problem with Israel were settled. Our area is the hotbed of the world's three great religions—Jews, Christians and Muslims. Jordan should become the center of peace through these great religious influences.

**Maclean's:** As you judge, most enemies of our Arab position in North America?  
**Queen Noor:** There is much greater understanding of Middle East history and contemporary politics. The conflict has continued to

that. It continues, tragically, but people are bombarded by images of people suffering. That problem has to be solved. It is in the interest of all sides to examine the issues and to want to contribute to the cause of peace.

**Maclean's:** Is there any chance of a post-Arab lobby in North America?  
**Queen Noor:** It won't ever be operating in the Israeli lobby. There are not the same numbers of Arabs here. But there is a Jewish lobby within the ongoing dialogue with the Arab-Israeli conflict that is contributing to the solution. We are encouraged by increasing numbers of

the Israeli community speak out courageously despite very violent opposition. They propose a peace based on justice and the return of occupied territory.

**Maclean's:** And your native land, the United States?  
**Queen Noor:** It is a new administration under President Bush. We are hopeful it remains committed to its active U.S. role in getting the conflicting parties together under a negotiated international peace conference.

**Maclean's:** Jordan has not held national elections since 1989. When will the West Bank be held?  
**Queen Noor:** They are largely economic, but there are not elections to be held. Elections after such a long time. There is also the question of external groups seeking to control social issues, such as the role of women in social and political issues. And there is the fact that, for the first time, women are voting in general elections.

**Maclean's:** Over the years and the Middle East, how have you maintained a growing relationship with Canada?  
**Queen Noor:** Canada has played a special role in the Middle East. It is one of the few countries that have contributed to every United Nations peace-keeping mission. Who can forget the efforts of former prime minister and diplomat Lester Pearson to bring us into the UN (in this position) on Palestine in 1947 and again in 1956 over the Suez crisis, or not forgetting the honorable service of Gen. (Earl) Horne, who commanded the UN Emergency Force in Gaza and Sinai during a difficult and critical period (1964-1966). This year, Jordan, because one of the first Arab countries to participate in a UN peacekeeping effort, when our troops were asked to take part in the current mission in Somalia.

**Maclean's:** And the University of Calgary's honorary doctorate for you?  
**Queen Noor:** Our region gave birth not only to the three great monotheistic religions, but to the Code of Hammurabi, generally accepted as the world's earliest legal code, and the Ten Commandments. Today, we are engaged in the important transition from traditional tribal law to a formal civil code. There is appropriate symbolism in our two peoples and cultures being brought together at Calgary by a mutual interest in the concept of law.

**Maclean's:** What is it like to be a 'royal' in the Middle East?  
**Queen Noor:** There are fairy tales, but our lives are not like that. We do not live like a king and queen in a royal bubble. We are more like a working couple of civil servants. It

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## EAST GERMANY

## Krenz takes charge

Honecker resigns amid popular discontent

When the Central Committee of East Germany's ruling Communist party chose a new leader last week, the proceedings had an unprecedented touch of openness. Moments after the 160 member committee elected Egon Krenz to replace the ailing and discredited Erich Honecker, the new leader strode out of the meeting room in East Berlin and faced waiting television cameras, smiling broadly, declaring "work, work and more work" to solve East Germany's pressing problems. Three hours later, Krenz acknowledged during a 55-minute televised speech that East Germany's leaders had not reacted quickly enough to the widespread popular discontent that has rocked the country. He declared: "It is clear that we have not adequately grasped the social developments in recent months and have not drawn the right conclusions quickly enough. We are the servants of the situation."

Krenz's style was more open than that of his



Krenz (left), Honecker the hard-line approach

predecessor Honecker, but there was no sign that his appointment signalled a shift away from Honecker's hard-line approach. In fact, the 58-year-old Krenz had faithfully implemented Honecker's policies and was the older man's

chosen successor. As a result, leaders of East Germany's rapidly growing opposition movement characterized the appointment as a disappointment. Just as the West analysts said that the selection was no more than a cosmetic change by a leadership still determined to cling to power. Declared Detlef Kube, president of the Institute for East-West German Relations in Bonn: "They may have won a bit of breathing space, but I doubt that Krenz is able or willing to generate real reforms."

For the 77-year-old Honecker, it was a sudden and bitter farewell to power. Best known for building the Berlin Wall in 1961, he became party leader 10 years later. During the 1970s, he was a source of popularity as East Germany's economy prospered by Eastern Bloc standards. But in recent years, Honecker's government was one of Eastern Europe's most rigid Communist regimes, ignoring the grassroots budding up among East Germans. His grip weakened last July when he fell ill—the latter had surgery for gallstones—and his government was undermined as tens of thousands of East Germans fled to the West. Honecker's resignation was completed on Oct. 7, when the 44th secretary of the founding of East Germany

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## WORLD

continued with the biggest street demonstration in the country's history—and with a new flood of refugees to West Germany.

Last week, when the party Central Committee announced that Honecker had resigned for health reasons, it appeared clear that he had been forced out. Two of his closest associates, Günter Mittag, the party's top economic official, and Joachim Herrmann, the party propaganda chief, also resigned.

Honecker's successor has been a full-time Communist official for all of his adult life. Krenz, who is married to a Russian native by whom he has two children, is the son of a tailor from Kaliningrad, a Baltic seaside town that is now part of Poland. He joined the Communist party in 1955 at 18 and he spent three years studying social sciences in Moscow during the mid-1960s. In 1983 he was named to the party Politburo and, like Honecker, became the party secretary responsible for economic policy, but in charge of East Germany's feared secret police.

Until last week, he gave no public sign of dissenting from Honecker's orthodox views. In fact, during a visit to West Germany in June, he robustly defended the bloody crackdown last spring by China's Communist leaders against student protesters in Beijing.

Still, Krenz has cultivated a personal style markedly different from that of other East German leaders. Klaus Böhling, who led West Germany's permanent mission in East Berlin in 1981-1982, met Krenz twice during that period and said that he was unusually outgoing. "He was even able to make some pretty funny remarks," Böhling told *Nachbar*. "It certainly set him apart from the other members of his party." But Böhling added that Krenz's habit of giving a determined to swallow party rule. He declared: "He is a typical career party man. There is no sign that he has any special gift for developing new perceptions."

At 52, Krenz is the youngest member of East Germany's Politburo. But since Winston Churchill questioned his stamina. He is a diabetic, and West German anti-drug agencies have for years spread rumors that his condition is aggravated by his heavy drinking. He also faces a difficult task as pressure for reform in East Germany grows. Just three days before his appointment, the illegal reform group New Forum held its first open-air demonstration in East Berlin. The next night, about 100,000 people marched through the streets of the southern city of Leipzig in the biggest protest in the country in decades.

Last week several East German newspapers that had previously followed the party line issued calls for reform. Gerd Bölling, "There is a real intention to change. Krenz cannot escape these demands and how he responds over the next three or four weeks will be crucial." But last week, it appeared that the growing calls for change would go far beyond anything that East Germany's new leader would be prepared to offer.

ANDREW PHILLIPS in London with  
JOHN HOLLAND in Vienna

## TIME TO FINNISH



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# SHOCK AND AFTERSHOCK

**AFTER THE DEATH  
AND DESTRUCTION,  
THE QUAKE THEY  
CALL THE 'BIG ONE'  
IS STILL TO COME**

**W**hen it was finally over, when the ground stopped trembling and the light standards stopped shaking, the crowd stepped out of its stunned silence and roared together in the waning sunlight. The cheering filled the cavernous space of San Francisco's Candlestick Park. It was a cheer of pure relief, a spontaneous celebration of survival. Strangers' chests heaved together. Orders were not quickly thanked. But the catastrophe that exposed the participants and spectators at the 1989 World Series struck eerily elsewhere in northern California last week. Television flashed the terrifying images across the Global Village—Crisis magazine screaming, cars crushed under a collapsed section of concrete highway. The World Series all but vanished. Baseball was once again just a hole game, played by men, and such familiar sports phrases as "the agony of defeat" faded unceremoniously. People—at least 57 killed by week's end—lay dead.

It all happened in 15 seconds. Fifteen seconds of seismic upheaval, at 5:04 p.m. on Tuesday, and human lives were ended or permanently altered. Buildings crumbled as though made from children's blocks. Gas lines snapped and spewed out flames. Rescue workers performed heroic feats. Seismologists re-

planted tectonic plates. Condo owners peered in from around the globe, and commentators recorded equally powerful quakes in such places as Mexico and Soviet Russia, where heavy building construction pushed for open catastrophic assaults. Viewed in those broader, global terms, California, while suffering the second-worst earthquake in American history, escaped relatively easily. But that could only be said comfort to the families and friends of the dead.

**Dreams:** For North Americans, the quake had a grossly bloody dramatic, almost surreal quality. It happened in California, a place of dreams and extremes, where great cities of the young and the restless, heading west, finally hit lands and. And it happened in 80,000 crowded fans were settled in around Candlestick's famous field of dreams, as millions of TV viewers were preparing to watch the climactic event of the sport that Godrich writer M. P. Kestell calls "the great game Baseball." The World Series suitably looked surreal in comparison, but at least it helped to compel the attention of the contest.

**Football:** The games were supposed to be a neighborhood street fight, a showdown between blue-collar Oakland and white-collar San Francisco that had become known as the Bay Bridge Series. After the earthquake, a 15-acre section of that bridge, which connects the two cities, had caved in. And the Goodyear blimp, which was supposed to provide aerial shots of the game, panned over the destruction and said. Only Hollywood could have scripted it better: in the match money, with the score tied, some home-town sleeper would have met a football with a mighty swing and, as in the football baseball movie *The Natural*, light-

ning would have flashed and the heavens would have parted.

But what happened in the Golden State last week, for all its timely timing, was no game. It was, rather, a re-enactment of the worst fears of quake-conscious Californians. From the placid farming towns of the coastal plain to



*Survivor Marinia Diaz (right) screening victims*

lowly, hilly San Francisco, which simply bills itself as "The City," residents of the affected areas live with the uncertain specter of the Big One, the great quake long forecast for California's notorious San Andreas Fault. The San Francisco phone book gives advice on how to survive tremors. Celebrants at the 50th anniversary of the calamitous 1906 quake held a "Shake, Rattle and Roll" dance. But no measure of acceptance can cushion the shock, and psychological aftereffects, whose solid earth began to tremble. And for all the death and devastation last week—the regional trauma that touched the hearts of the world—perhaps the most chilling report from California was that, in the news of scientists, the quake of 1989 was not the Big One. That is yet to come.

BOB LEVIN





# THE DAY THE EARTH ROARED

Dorothy Otis had just called her husband on the car telephone to say that she was on her way home. Otis, a 43-year-old sales representative from San Rafael, Calif., was heading north on Tuesday on the lower deck of Oakland's two-level Nimitz Freeway when, shortly after 5 p.m., she suddenly saw the road start to shake. "The cars bounced, and then the upper deck crumbled down," she recalled. "There was a tremendous rattle, a rattling and rattling of concrete from two feet above. It was a terrible noise—of all my nightmares, that sound is the worst of all."

A severe earthquake, registering 6.9 on the Richter scale, hit the area. It radiated havoc randomly along a 150-km stretch of coastal northern California—including Oakland and its twin city across the bay, San Francisco—and it left a trail of death and monumental destruction in its wake.

Most shocking of all was the collapse of the two-lane upper stretch of the Nimitz

**'IT WAS A TERRIBLE NOISE—OF ALL MY NIGHTMARES, THAT SOUND IS THE WORST OF ALL'**

Freeway. Otis described the experience as "like being inside an exploding building." As large concrete slabs began to fall, she watched the cars ahead of her "go like dominoes," she said. She hit the brakes, but she didn't stop.

down on her hood and another on the roof, pinning her inside. "I was in a little coffin," she told Marlene three days later. "I thought I would suffocate. I had concrete dust in my nose, in my ears and everywhere, and I heard crying and moaning for a minute. But there were no other cars around me. I was alone, and I yelled 'Help and Please!'"

Otis yelled for a half-hour, but no one came. She realized that her left foot was trapped under part of the frame of the car. A metal belt from the emergency hand brake had slid into the side of her foot, and her legs were crushed. Grabbing a piece of paper and a pencil with her free hand, she began to write to her husband, John—as close she could get on all alone, she at least wanted him to know that she had survived for a little while. "I smell smoke and burning," she wrote. "I love you and I hope I survive the rescue effort. I wish to look back." Finally, an Oakland woman nearby heard screaming and told a local garage worker, who climbed down from the top deck, found Otis, and the rescue effort began.

**TRAGEDY:** Working in a three-lane space between the upper and lower parts of the roadway, four cars used a outside saw to cut the concrete and metal of the freeway, and then the car. Meanwhile, a medic gave Otis morphine to cope with the excruciating pain, and Otis started a rag with her mouth so that she would not scream in the ears of the rescuers. Eventually, after four hours of struggle, the workers pulled Otis out by her feet. "They had to treat me like a rag doll to get me out of there," she said. She was taken to a trauma center in Oakland and later transferred to San Rafael Hospital, where she was held in stable condition at week's end. Her left foot was crushed. Muscles, bones and veins were badly



Collapsed portion of Nimitz Freeway; in terror, an avid earth turned into something that felt more like a storm at sea

lacerated, and doctors said that she would require physical therapy to walk again. She also had facial damage from the scorching column whipping her face, as well as extensive nerve damage. Still, said Otis, "I am the luckiest person there ever was."

Many others were not so lucky. By the weekend, coroners listed 25 deaths from the Nimitz Freeway collapse alone, bringing the earthquake's known death toll at that time to 57, with others still missing. Overall damage estimates ranged as high as \$6 billion. From east George Bush Boulevard the stricken region a federal disaster area and few in it to see it for himself. Geological consultants painted the epicenter of the quake in Novato. Santa Rosa Park on the treacherous San Andreas Fault, a branch of the earth's crust—25 km northeast of Santa Rosa and about 90 km south of San Francisco. The earthquake triggered landslides in the major cities of San Francisco and Oakland and in such smaller centers as Santa

Cruz and Hollister (page 63).

Striking at 5:04 p.m., the quake hit just half an hour before the World Series game between the San Francisco Giants and their cross-bay neighbors, the Oakland Athletics, was scheduled to begin at San Francisco's Candlestick Park (page 64). The stadium was shaken and cracked in places—players and fans escaped unscathed—but because of the timing, the disaster captured the frenzied attention of millions of television viewers across North America. The great San Francisco Quake of 1906, also spawned at the San Andreas Fault, was more calamitous than, but with it, killing 700 people by traditional estimates—more than 2,500 according to some recent studies—and leveling much of the city. But the quake of 1906 was terrible enough. It was a grim reminder that, despite the technological advances of recent years that saved the world's office skyscrapers and apartment high-rises from collapse, an earthquake was in still as

inherently dangerous place to live (page 66). Indeed, another disaster came 24 hours after the California earthquake, when an earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale struck Northwestern China, killing at least 20 and leaving 60,000 people homeless after their fragile mud-brick homes collapsed.

**FIRE:** In the Golden Gate, although the Nimitz Freeway collapse was by far the worst catastrophe, there were countless other disasters. There was the boat-stopping quake on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, where a 15-meter section of its upper roadway collapsed onto the lower deck, killing a driver, while leaving other cars hanging precariously on the break. There was the fire that raged out of control through the night in San Francisco's upscale Marina district after a gas stove burst. An estimated 10,000 people were eventually evacuated from the Marina area, many leaving with literally only the clothes on their backs. And there were moments of pure terror expo-



Marina destruction: many left with literally only the clothes on their backs



desert by ordinary people going about their everyday affairs when, for 15 traumatic seconds, solid earth turned into something that felt more like a storm at sea.

But so many seemed more curious than what happened at the Nimitz Freeway long after the quake struck. On Friday night, rescue workers attached a cable to one of the support structures to test its stability. The cable sheared the structure, and when workers checked it shortly after 6 a.m. on Saturday, they spotted movement in the highway overpass. They then pulled away a rising front of rubble and stood up an area of the damaged structure with wooden beams. At about 11:15 a.m.—50 hours after the earthquake struck—rescuers pulled Buck Helm, 57, a 240-lb. longshoreman's clerk, from the remains of a silver Chevrolet. They lowered him to the ground by crane in a metal cage, and the man waved his arm as onlookers cheered. Said one witness, Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson: "It was just a wonderful sight to see." Doctors later said that Helm—with a skull fracture, a crushed leg, broken ribs and lacerated torso—was in serious condition. Said Dr. Randy Kinnanssen, who was attending Helm on Saturday night: "It is too early to say if he is going to make it or not, but certainly we are hopeful."

**Waves:** In Oakland earlier, Gladys Harvey, a 40-year-old shopkeeper, described from her hospital bed what it felt like to be on the Nimitz Freeway when the quake hit. Harvey was driving home along the upper deck. At first, she said, she thought that she had blown out a tire. Glancing into her rearview mirror, she "saw the freeway going up and down like waves on the ocean," she recalled. Harvey added: "My car was like a surfboard on top of a wave. Then the wave caught up with me." When the roadway collapsed, Harvey's car fell into it and she broke her back. She was turned in safety by people from the neighborhood through which the freeway runs. They had clambered up onto the rail-truck tracks their own legs to help survivors.

At first, it was impossible to determine just how many people had been caught in the freeway's concrete sandwich. The work of cutting through and shoring up sections of the upper roadway was slow and difficult. Because no crane or helicopter powerful enough to lift the 580-ton concrete slabs that fell onto the lower deck, workers had to break them up with axes, drills and jackhammers and then move the pieces. And as the crews worked, there was constant danger that another shock might bring the rest of the structure crashing down.

By Friday, however, workers had made enough progress to determine that traffic on the freeway had been as heavy as at first assumed. Authorities, who had originally speculated that as many as 253 people might have been killed under the freeway, revised their estimates downward. And the World Series,

Fire crew in Marina area (right) dangle cars on freeway, and fallen slabs on Bay Bridge (opposite) cause neighbors risked their lives to help survivors.







Workers retrieving bodies paradoxically found houses appeared undamaged, windows open, curtains billowing in the breeze

which until the earthquake had dominated the skyline of both elegant San Francisco and its outlying suburb city, Oakland, was almost certainly the reason that there were fewer cars on the road than usual that afternoon. The third game of the all local series was due to begin at 5:05 p.m. Sixty thousand fans were already inside Candlestick Park, and tens of thousands more had gone home early to catch the start of the game on television. As a result, the traffic, which would normally have been bumper-to-bumper at rush hour, was relatively sparse, and numerous lives were undoubtedly saved.

According to witnesses and rescuers, another factor that kept down the freeway death toll was that there were evidently a few vital seconds' delay between the beginning of the earthquake and the collapse of the upper roadway. As unknown survivors of the earthquake and the collapse of the upper roadway say, they apparently saw the concrete sections collapsing one by one onto the roadway ahead, and jumped out of their cars just in time. That theory seemed plausible because they saw the estimated 80 crushed cars were empty when demolition crews recovered them.

One man who may have jumped to safety from the

lower deck of the freeway—but who could not say for sure, because of a complete memory blackout—was 21-year-old houseman Ken Lund. From his bed in Oakland's Merritt Medical Center, where he was recovering from severe concussion, facial lacerations and a broken right ankle, he told *Nation's* "The hospital administrators didn't know who brought me in. Some people think I might have jumped, but I don't know." Despite his severe injuries, Lund said that the most significant were the severe lesions in his chest and stomach caused by the seat belt of his car. "I must have

stopped suddenly to have gotten those bruises," he said. "I must have been going about 50 m.p.h." That, added Lund, could only indicate that traffic was unusually light for the time of day.

**Rescue:** Perhaps the most chilling rescue was that of six-year-old John Deems. In the back of a compact car, John lay unconscious, his right leg crushed and pinned under the dead body of his mother. They, which in turn was pinned under a massive block of concrete, John's mother, Cathy, 8, had been pulled free with minor leg injuries. But to save John, Dr. James Derts, 43, who arrived at the scene shortly after the freeway collapse, had to resort to desperate measures. He released the child, wrapped him in blankets and first covered him with a tarpaulin. Then, he cut the body of John's mother in half with a chainsaw and, using a scalpel, anguished the boy's crushed right leg below his knee. "It was horrible," Derts and later, "It was your worst nightmare."

John was rushed to the Oakland Children's Hospital, where he was admitted as critical condition. A day later, he was upgraded to "serious," and by week's end he was listed as stable. Hospital emergency chief, Patrick Conneli, had only praise for the child's mother. "It was this thing he's here," said Conneli. "It's Jim Derts."

Bush visited the freeway site as

Agony (left): Quake's lightning vice-presidential tour



Friday during a five-hour tour of the earthquake zone. As he watched workers pull a flattened vehicle from the rubble, Bush said, "You deeply moved—and in some ways, yet very stimulated by this team effort here." Last month, Bush was widely criticized for waiting eight days to visit the city of Charleston and other coastal areas of South Carolina, which had been devastated by Hurricane Hugo. Last week, he dispatched Vice-President Dan Quayle to California as the day after the earthquake. Quayle, after making a lightning tour of the fire-ravaged Marina district, left without seeing—or even acknowledging—Mayor Art Agnos. But Agnos' "I question his motives for coming here." Agnos, a Democrat, later said, "Maybe it was a publicity stunt." In any case, Bush himself flew in on the First One clearly feeling that he was in a no-win situation. Arriving at the nearby Maflet Naval Air Station, Bush remarked, "If you do come, they say you're getting in the way, if you don't, they say it's negligent."

**Shooter:** By declaring the entire region a federal disaster area earlier in the week, Bush made it eligible for about \$300 million in immediate relief. State officials had estimated a overall damage at about \$6 billion, and Agnos had said on Thursday that "no paper, the city is broke." But, said Marjory Lawrence, the head of Lloyd's of London, the world's largest insurance organization, "There are some indications being made that the loss is high. I don't think there is any real conception of the total damage."

As well as being the source of the worst carnage, the Napa Freeway was the subject of most controversy in the earthquake's San Francisco Valley, near Los Angeles, the state of California evaded on a program aimed at making highways and bridges more resistant to earthquakes. One phase of the work involved strengthening the concrete between elevated highways and their supporting columns. The next phase was testing bridges the columns by using stress test blocks. That phase was not carried out on the 25-year-old Napa Freeway, and last Friday California Gov. George Deukmejian admitted he did not know why.

The governor, who had been visiting West Germany and who hurried back to California after the earthquake, said that all the state's older bridges would be suspended to make sure that they were safe. "In the nearly seven years that I have been governor," he added, "I have never once been told by my people that we had any kind of a problem with respect to our freeways." Rather, James Diego, spokesman for the California department of transportation, had said, "If we'd had any reservations about the safety of that road, we would not

## THREE SPECTACULAR TARGETS



**A** First, led by a burst gas leak, ruptured at night in the aptly named district. Devastation was so extensive that officials ordered total evacuation.

**B** A concrete slab tore the upper section of the Bay Bridge, killing a driver and leaving other cars hanging precariously.

**C** The most gruesome incident occurred when the top deck of a freeway collapsed, crushing cars and their occupants in a deadly concrete sandwich.

have allowed traffic as it. I don't think anyone envisaged an earthquake of that magnitude." After the earthquake, San Francisco Mayor John Dore said his staff lawyers are investigating whether there are grounds for legal action against suspended authorities on behalf of Napa victims and their families.

**Seismic:** Unlike the freeway and the Bay Bridge, San Francisco's modern skyscrapers stood up to their first major test-by-quake. They swung from side to side by as much as three feet, but apparently not one of them suffered structural damage. Said earthquake engineer George Housner, "It would be almost true to say that the science of earthquake engineering has moved from theory to theoretical completeness in a gener-

tion." Under new building codes in force in California, engineers and designers are mandated from the floor of earth tremors by either or lead bearings placed between the structure and the foundation. In earthquake-prone areas, engineers are working on even more sophisticated options in which designers and vibration sensors will allow a building to control its own response to an earth tremor.

But the older, smaller and more picturesque buildings of San Francisco's fashionable Marina district, which was built on landfill, had no such defenses. Several houses and apartment buildings collapsed there during the tremor—killing three people—and a block was destroyed in the fan that followed. And when a team of 150 structural engineers examined the

Builder a no-win situation







Belli (left) camped outside office: talk of legal action on behalf of victims and families

detest on Wednesday, they found so many buildings damaged that the authorities ordered the evacuation of the entire area without warning. Many residents sought refuge with friends or relatives. Some hotel guests, on the other hand, were stranded in the hotel category—the Red Cross made available 400 beds in an emergency shelter set up in a local school.

Authorities divided the buildings of the Marina district into habitable, dangerous and non-habitable categories. Still other buildings were marked for demolition. People who had been living in dwellings in the first category—the majority—received green permits that allowed them to return. Those in the second category were issued yellow permits, allowing daytime entry without supervision. Holders of red permits, the non-habitable category, were allowed back for 15 minutes under supervision, to discuss permit holders had to sign a waiver relieving the authorities of any liability in case of personal injury.

**Figures.** On Thursday, a Marlene's correspondence board began passing street corners in the Marina district to shop owners searching back to without authorization and to keep away the curious. Every roadway and sidewalk revealed cracks and fissures. And one after another, pretty, stucco-fronted houses showed signs of the earthquake's ravages. Some houses tilted; others had collapsed in piles of brick, stone and plaster mauling. Many that had collapsed in the earthquake were quickly torn down by bulldozers, which moved from street to street to demolish buildings that had been declared unsafe. Yet, paradoxically, some houses appeared quite undamaged, their windows open and lace curtains following in the afternoon breeze after straightening balconies. One private consultant admitted a damage assessment calculated that only about 10 per cent of the Marina's houses were damaged against earthquake damage, because

many homeowners consider the high premiums as being uneconomical.

William Lagen, the tenant of an apartment in a building marked for demolition, doesn't see a hard fate to go to and get as many of his belongings as he could in the permitted 15 minutes. Crawling through left and plaster, he leered around for his jewel family silver and

deposited district, with its failed Victorian houses, evangelical churches and backstreet crack houses, turned out to face Tuesday evening to rescue survivors from the freeway disaster. Local residents were seen rushing down as they crowded into the run-ups between the two concrete decks, looking for survivors. And, as in other areas that were played into dollars by power balances, there was little looking reported. In fact, there was no report of any deaths as average night, said Police Sgt. Robert Crawford, who described his small assignment as "choosing crack houses."

**Residents:** Within 24 hours of the earthquake, enterprising street vendors were having T-shirts bearing the "50" but when it came to moving, few San Francisco residents could equal the speed of Nick Villalobos, 43-year-old proprietor of the Capa Plaza Restaurant. Villalobos has been on the Greek island of Zante and lived through an earthquake that he says destroyed all but three of the island's buildings in 1963. Years later, while living in Mexico, he experienced another quake. This came last Tuesday "I guess a follow-up, wherever I go," said Villalobos. "I don't know it all the time, especially when I come over a bridge." Still, in last week's quake, his sister-

other relatives. "Everything I own is in here," he said, "all my family treasures and all my important papers. I'm afraid the city will just come in with a bulldozer and knock everything down."

Dale Birn, 26, who was suddenly allowed back into her third-floor apartment, was not permitted to remove her car from the ground-level garage, for fear of causing further damage. Running a hand through her blond, chest hair, she said "These around disasters just fly out of me, you have no control. This whole Marina area is built on landfill. I'm moving up on the rock."

In contrast to the upscale Marina district, the working-class area surrounding the collapsed freeway across the bay in Oakland, where most residents are black, escaped unscathed. "The people of that

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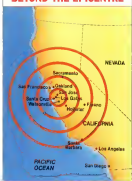
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## BEYOND THE EPICENTRE





ber home escaped undamaged and his restaurant sustained only a few wall cracks.

Several Casbahers living in or visiting the area at the time of the earthquake had vivid memories of the day the earth shook. Toronto actor Dick Azavedo, in San Francisco since a touring production of the stage musical *Grease*, told how the wall of his hotel room moved "three feet forward and three feet back" when the quake struck. Susan Mayes, a 28-year-old art history graduate from Calpoly, who is studying for a doctorate at Stanford University and lives at nearby Palo Alto, had seen a television program on earthquake survival just three days previously. She was in the latest room of her three-story apartment building when she heard "a sound like a commotion train" and the ground began shaking. Moments for the rest, but was thrown to the floor. Struggling to her feet, she ran outside in time to see a tree fall to the ground just a few feet in front of her. Then, she said, the building superintendent pulled his head out of the front door and yelled, "Welcome to Calabaria."

In the small town of Santa Clara, 68 km south of San Francisco, the two youngest children of ex-Torontoan Barbara Cross, 36, were attending a swimming class when the earthquake hit. "I tried to run to the pool," said Cross, "but we finished down twice. It was like standing in a rubber raft, going down, swirling white water. It was exciting to see the earth move in our foot waves." When she got to the pool she said she saw "a unbroken wave standing up in the middle of it." Her daughter



And Cross food station: authorities ordered a mass evacuation without warning.

Lemus, 8, had been dragged to the bottom of the pool, but had suffered nothing. Lemus and the other children were all unhurt. Cross said that her daughter "thought it was a lark" until she realized what danger she had been in.

On the day after the earthquake, before the first light of dawn reached San Francisco, the scene was eerily dark. The long string of lights that normally lights the twin cities along the 12 km Bay Bridge was blacked out. So were the subways of the Oakland and San Francisco

highways. Even the fire at the Marina district had died down. A beam from the lighthouse on the abandoned prison island of Alcatraz swept the bay. It was the only light to pierce the gloom of the sibling cities whose cheerful World Series rivalry of just a few hours before had faded so quickly and tragically.

JOHN BERGMAN and BOB LEVIN with  
ANNE QUINN, JULIUS MACDONALD and  
DAVID THOMAS in San Francisco

## SMALL TOWNS, HEAVY HEARTS

Although most media attention focused on the devastation in San Francisco and Oakland, the small towns of northern California also suffered severe damage. Macdonald's *Los Angeles* correspondent Anne Greer explained that as she drove toward the earthquake on the day after the earthquake. Her report:

As I headed north, I passed through small agricultural places where machines parked outside and through rolling brown hills where cattle and sheep grazed peacefully. There were no hint of trouble until about 140 km south of San Francisco. In Hollister (population 20,000), once a sleepy farm town that is now a bedroom community for the nearby high-tech industrial area known as Silicon Valley, yellow-and-black police cars were lined up at the central square. Devastation came. Devastation hit the job the earthquake started as they tore down towering Victorian buildings along San Benito Street. There included the 134-year-old Oddfellow building, whose facade had fallen into the street, crushing fire cars. Paul Price, a senior insurance plan-

ner for the state of California, explained that few of Hollister's 19th-century buildings had been brought up to earthquake standards and that old frame houses were not bolted to their foundations. There were no deaths, but Price estimated property damage in the county at about \$45 million.

The main street of Watsonville (population 30,000), 80 km to the west, was strewn with rubble and glass. Shattered shop windows were boarded up, and the brick-built, century-old St. Patrick's Catholic Church was one of many buildings officially marked for demolition. One woman had died, and her child suffered serious injuries, when the brick facade of the Baker Bros. bakery fell on them. More than 1,000 families were sleeping in parks and public shelters, many of them having fled old frame houses that had slid from their foundations. Most had experienced other earthquakes, but, said Debbie Ward, who had pitched a tent in the park with her three young children, "they didn't grow like this one." Hollywood film crews have often used Watsonville as a stand-in for old-timey small-town America. Now they may have to take their cameras somewhere else.

The roller coaster in the amusement park beside the boardwalk at Santa Cruz (population 45,000), 120 km south of San Francisco and the major town nearest to the quake's epicentre, appeared to be unharmed. But the town's two-block shopping strip, containing a

mix of modern and Victorian buildings, was devastated. Three people died there, whose walls fell on them. Members of a music crew were picking their way through the rubble of a coffee store, looking for a young woman employed at it named Robin Ortega. They had already pulled out the body of a man and, a slightly mangled dog. Ortega must be dead, they called on the search. That decision set off a riot-riot.

A group of friends of the missing woman who had been switching the operation hours through the police tapes screaming, "Don't stop the digging!" Within a minute, the street was full of steel-helmeted police, at full riot gear, who forced the crowd back and arrested five people. Police Sgt. Anderson Chan tried to reason with the crowd. His own house, in Watsonville, had been destroyed and his family evacuated. "We had three hours' sleep," he said. "We've pulled out a car off backstreet that shop and it looks as if we've done nothing."

That night, the earth trembled another half-dozen times in shortbursts rippled through the quake zone, collapsing chimneys, bringing down a church steeple and shaking more frame houses from their foundations. The next day, rescue workers pulled the body of Robin Ortega from the rubble of the coffee store. Officials said she appeared to have died instantly in

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# THE EARTHQUAKE GAME

## A TERRIFYING SIDESHOW AT THE WORLD SERIES

As the National League champion San Francisco Giants, the Oct. 17 World Series game in their home park was a chance to reflect themselves. After the Giants lost the first two games in Oakland—San Francisco scored only a single run in two outings—the team crossed San Francisco Bay to assume the battle in Candlestick Park.

One of the oldest and most well-known stadiums in the country "It's ancient," says the country "It's ancient," and Giants manager Roger Craig, "that our backs are against the wall." But at 5:04, a deafening rumble arose from the earth and the whole park shook for a terrifying 15 seconds. San Francisco's 300th season. "I try to be a big, tough guy. But I lost control of myself when the quake struck. I threw myself under a table and started to pray." Bill of Fame Giants outfielder Willie Mays, who would have thrown out the first ball said, "This is the only time that I was ever scared in this ball park."

**Rumor:** While last week's earthquake caused havoc in the San Francisco area, killing at least 53 people and injuring hundreds of others in Candlestick Park only a few people suffered injuries and bruises from falling debris. And many of the spectators did not appear to realize the full magnitude of the tragedy. San Josean Herri, 28, who arrived at the stadium moments after the earthquake said, "There were plenty of odd

fans who had been through earthquakes before. And a cheer started to go up, 'Play ball! Play ball!' But the earthquake knocked out electricity and cracked part of the upper deck in right field, and officials decided to evacuate the park to examine it for structural damage.

Police used bullhorns to inform the crowd that the game had been postponed. And while fans fled only out of the park, some of those leaving sawer chunks at fallen concrete, several players ran to the stands to bring their wives and children and the field. Others went to the dressing room. San Francisco's Terry Kennedy "I started thinking about what

was happening here and I said, 'To heck with the game.' I sure as hell wasn't going to stay around for another [earthquake]."

**Victims:** The Wednesday and Thursday games were also cancelled, while a team of architects and structural engineers assessed damage to 29-year-old Candlestick. Park manager John Lofgren said that serious work in the upper



Oakland pitcher Steven Drexler takes fan's baby; bumps and bruises

deck had to be reconstructed, but that the stadium did not appear to have been endangered. Baseball commissioner Fawcett (Fay) Vincent expressed hope that the park would be ready to resume the series this week, although not before Tuesday. Said Vincent, "It is becoming very clear to all of us in major-league baseball that our issue is really a modest one in light of the great tragedy." Speaking in a room at the well-appointed Meriton St. Francis Hotel, illuminated by candlelight as a result of the city's electricity having been knocked out, he added, "We don't want to have to conduct baseball while the hunt for victims goes on."

Still fans and players alike are certain to be haunted by the memory of the cancelled third game. Tom Cheek, play-by-play announcer for the Toronto Blue Jays, was in the Telethon Sports Network booth when the earthquake struck. A minute before he was about to go on the air, he recalled "a jet plane flew over the stadium, and then it sounded like a jet plane coming through the bottom of the stadium, and I remember saying, 'Boy, that guy is really lost.'" Added Cheek, "Then, I saw those sprinklers that support the first deck sway one way and then the other. I thought that this place was going to collapse, and 60,000 people were going to be in a pile of rubble."

Blue Jays executive vice-president Patrick Gillick was also in the stadium when the earthquake struck. "We were in right field under the second-deck overhang," Gillick said after returning to Toronto the following day. "The upper deck is concrete and it was shaken noticeably. We stopped in our tracks. If that deck had fallen, we would have been killed."

**Tenets:** After the tragedy, there was a debate about whether the games should be continued at all. But sports reporters pointed to historical precedents for resuming the contest. The Munich Olympics continued after 10 terrorists kidnapped 11 Israeli team members, and even during the Second World War, when many competitors said that baseball should be suspended, President Franklin Roosevelt successfully urged that the games continue for the sake of national morale. Last week, Oakland's vice-president, Richard (Gandy) Adelman said, "Once the community returns to a sense of normalcy, they will expect the World Series. I think it can be part of the healing." At the very least, one city inside the bay will finally have something to cheer about.

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## COVER

frequently in every 200 years. Last week's earthquake, which registered 6.9 on the Richter scale, occurred in a segment of the San Andreas Fault that scientists have identified as recent years as a high-risk area. Said Allen, "We correctly identified it, but I won't say we predicted it because prediction implies a time." Aesthetics expert, Columbia's geologist Christopher Scholz, said that the quake affected only about two-thirds of the high-risk area of the fault, which extends about 45 miles from San Juan Bautista to Palo Alto on the San Francisco peninsula. "There is still a region of about 20

miles at the California Institute of Technology. "In a sense, we're making progress, but our appreciation of the problem is running faster than we are." Scientists point out that southern California has up to 16,000 earthquakes a year. That makes it impossible to determine which are foreboding and which are simply tremors that relieve pressure. Said Clayton, "It's an awfully complicated geological place."

**Maui:** In Canada, the attention of seismologists has recently focused on the Juan de Fuca Fault, which runs beneath the Pacific Ocean from the centre of Vancouver Island to

region as active. But they have detected several faults along the St. Lawrence valley in Quebec, as well as what they call a "major impact structure" from a meteor that struck tens of millions of years ago.

Faults in Eastern Canada and the northeastern United States differ from those along the continent's West Coast. They are not between two plates, like the San Andreas or Juan de Fuca faults, but are in the middle of the North American plate, which extends all the way out to the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Those atypical faults, as they are called, are much



Blazing San Francisco apartments: pressure between the earth's plates builds up, then breaks free with explosive force.

ion to the north which did not rupture," said Scholz, adding that the region now has a higher risk of a quake in the future.

**Grack:** Although last week's rupture did not quash in the Big One, it was the seventh substantial earthquake in California since the 1906 San Francisco quake. Two of them alerted geologists to faults that they had not known existed. It was only in 1987 that they discovered the maun, the faults are based as deep as 30 miles below the earth's surface, part of a network of subterranean cracks whose only warning is a lull, or bucking, of the earth's crust. Previously, scientists had assumed that the hills and mountains created by these faults were gradual formations produced over a long period of time, rather than by the sudden, violent changes of earthquakes.

But, while the faults have helped scientists to learn more about the mechanics of earth's quakes, their recent discovery demonstrated how much more scientists have yet to learn. Said Robert Clayton, a Victoria-born geophys-

icist, "We don't know why that particular area is so active. It's a mystery." Clayton is a seismologist at the Geological Survey of Canada in Ottawa, and research indicates that the Pacific plate was slipping beneath the edge of the North American plate along that fault line. That could create a massive earthquake in British Columbia, Washington and Oregon within 50 to 100 years, he said. The federal department of energy, mines and resources is also monitoring western Quebec, the mouth of the St. Lawrence River and parts of the Maritimes that register periodic flurries of seismic activity.

One of Canada's largest earthquakes occurred on Nov. 25, 1949, in the Charlevoix region of Quebec. It registered 6 on the Richter scale, knocked out power and telephone service and was felt as far away as New York City, which experienced a 30-second tremor. John Elert, assistant director of Boston College's Western Observatory in Windsor, Maine, said that the Charlevoix area suffered quakes of similar magnitude in 1870 and 1895. Scientists say that they do not know why that particular

older than the California ones—hundreds of millions of years old as opposed to about a million—and are less geologically active.

**Fracture:** The three most devastating earthquakes in North America occurred midway between St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., in 1811 and 1812. They sent hills sliding into the Mississippi River, which altered its course. Another great quake destroyed much of Charleston, S.C., in 1886. As a result, while attention is now focused on California, a major earthquake could strike somewhere in eastern North America. But the time frame for such an occurrence is even more difficult to predict because the seismic cycle is somewhat erratic on the East Coast than in the West. In a science fraught with so many uncertainties, it is unlikely that experts in the near future will be able to give any more advance warning than they did for the latest catastrophe to shake California.

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# SHOCKS IN THE MARKETS

Even the seasoned professionals were reluctant to participate in the volatile whirling and dealing. Peter Aronson, noted by *The Wall Street Journal* as the top stock-investment manager in the United States for each of the past two years, told Maclean's that he "simply sat back and did nothing" as stock markets around the world crashed on Oct. 13 and then bounced back again last Monday. Not wanting to take any unnecessary risks, Aronson, the president of the Minneapolis-based Inco Advisory Group, held on to the blue-chip stocks and bonds that make up the bulk of the firm's \$5.2 billion in asset holdings. But other investors were not so calm. A small Toronto investor who sold all his stocks at a \$11,000 loss, and who missed out on the distributed stock, "I'll never go into the stock market again."

## VOLATILITY IN THE MARKETS IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE AND MAY BECOME A REGULAR ROUTINE OF TRADING

Despite the encouraging rally, many analysts and traders say that volatile price fluctuations will continue and may in fact become permanent. Instead of the world's major mar-



New York Stock Exchange (left) traders on Bay Street; 'recurring irrationality'.

kets, such as Japan's Nikkei, a professor of finance at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., said that the existence of powerful computer trading programs, whose sudden selling now triggered the collapse, makes an unpleasant repeat performance more than likely.

In addition, Arbel and other analysts argue that the large institutional investors, such as insurance companies and pension funds that controlled the computers, now account for as much as 70 per cent of all stock trading. And that combination of large, concentrated stock holdings, which can be bought or sold almost instantly, is making the markets unstable and dangerous for all, especially the small investors who remain. Added John Kenneth Galbraith, the Paul M. Warburg professor of economics at Harvard University and author of *The Great Crash, 1929*: "One can only understand the financial world of one assumes a deep and recurring irrationality."

Even more disconcerting is the fact that the computer traders and the huge and influential investors they represent are experiencing continued concerns about the volatility of the financial markets and the general health of the U.S. economy. Arbel said that any sign that the economy is in trouble, or that the market is going down, could force the anxious computer traders to panic the sell button. Predicted Arbel: "We are going to have a series of panic attacks like the one on Friday the 13th. And perhaps a more significant crash like 1987."

That kind of volatility appeared early last week as trading resumed after a weekend of worry sparked by the previous Friday's plunge in New York. At first, it appeared that a reserve fund was under way. Late Black Monday, stock markets in London and Tokyo,

which opened before the New York Stock Exchange, rose in early trading—Tokyo's Nikkei average fell by 1.5 per cent in the first hour, and London's Financial Times Stock Index collapsed by nine per cent in two hours.

But instead of continuing to sell, and providing a frantic free fall as they did on Black Monday, investors in both cities now began to take advantage of the situation by buying what had suddenly become bargain-priced shares. That, in turn, raised share prices later in the day. In Tokyo, the Nikkei closed down 1.8 per cent for the day, a significant drop, but far smaller than its catastrophic 15-per-cent collapse two years earlier. And London rallied to close at a 3.2-per-cent loss for the day.

Analysts at Tokyo attributed part of the strong performance to reports of calming worded messages between Japanese finance ministry officials and representatives of the world's four largest brokerage firms. In London, brokers said that they felt less anxious from the peace. Wall Street because Britain has no so-called pound-market. The high-tech bonds that have been blamed in part for the market's recent fall.

While stock markets in New York City and Toronto opened lower on the same day, they too were battered by waves of early selling. New York's Dow Jones average, which had plummeted by 308.58 points, or 6.9 per cent on Friday the 13th, fell by another 64 points on the 4th anniversary. The decline was rarely reversed. By Black Monday, when a 1.69-point decline on Friday Oct. 13 led to a catastrophic 508-point free fall when trading resumed on

Monday, November 4, in the first 30 minutes of trading in Toronto, the TSE 300 composite index, an average of leading stock prices, plunged by more than 115 points from its Friday close of 3876.74.

But the selling waves ended by early afternoon as the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") as the United States made more than \$2 billion available to investors to help them cover partially paid-for shares before brokers could demand full payment, which would have caused widespread panic. In Canada, central banks declined to discuss what actions they took to support stock markets on Monday. Gordon Thomson, senior deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, said only that the bank was in touch with central banks at other nations and was prepared to respond to any signs of what he called a "liquidity crisis."

At the same time, institutional buyers began to re-enter the market in search of undervalued blue-chip stocks. Alfred Wurtz, the senior chief investment officer of Toronto-based Crown Life Insurance Co., which administers \$10 billion in assets, found just that. He said that the morning collapse in share prices on Wall Street and elsewhere New York's announcement of Trump's withdrawal of a \$140-million takeover offer for AMT Inc., the parent company of American Airlines, provided him with an opening. He was able to purchase a bloc of shares at the company for \$71 each, compared with the \$96 that most shares traded at the week before.

The afternoon buying spree, spurred by the Dow Jones rally on to an 83.12-point gain for the day, ending almost half of the loss from the

### GAS EXPORTS

The National Energy Board in Ottawa avoided becoming involved in the negotiations between Canada's Oil and Gas Canada Resources Ltd. and Shell Canada Ltd. for the export to the United States of 9.2 million cubic feet of natural gas from the Mackenzie Valley Delta, an act out of the region's private reserves. The gas also must be available to Canadian buyers on the same terms. Native people had objected to the application on the grounds that their land claims would be settled before the project gets underway.

### GST UNDER FIRE

Provincial finance ministers warned that if the proposed federal nine-per-cent Goods and Services Tax will be imposed by next October 1st, they will call a meeting in Montreal, the 10 finance ministers criticized the proposed federal tax as "unacceptable." They are preparing a report on the levy's potential impact on provincial economies that will be presented next month when the provinces meet to discuss the state of the economy with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

### BOILING ANNOUNCES LAYOFFS

Over 200 employees are being laid off at the 400-employee aircraft plant in Toronto because the company says not enough job orders have occurred by October. The Canadian Auto Workers Union has been told that 250 members are to be laid off with a week's notice and up to 150 more positions will also be cut by the end of the year.

### IBM PROFITS PLUMMET

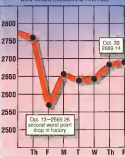
International Business Machines Corp. of Armonk, N.Y., announced that its third-quarter profit plunged almost 30 per cent as earnings per share fell to \$1.04 from the first three months that ended in Sept. 30, down from \$1.47 before a year earlier.

### NEW PROSPECTS FOR CONSUMERS

The University of Toronto has made a deal with a potential foreign buyer of Connaught Biotechnology Inc. that promises a revenue level of combined research activity in Canada. Swiss-based Ciba-Geigy Ltd. and its partner, Chiron Corp. of California, have committed to spending at least \$25 million over 20 years on research and drug development. Canadian critics of their takeover had been approved by Ottawa. The agreement, known as the Ciba-Geigy deal, by investment Canada rejecting the \$37-a-share company takeover bid by French-based Biotech. Minerva Inc. because it did not provide sufficient benefits to Canadians.

## THE FRANTIC MARKET

DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE





crash. The 750,380, in fact, climbed by 58.50 points, compared with a 143.6-point loss the previous Friday.

Clearly relieved by the recovery, brokers and traders said that a number of factors contributed to the market's sudden climb. For one, they cited quick action by central bankers in Japan and Europe, along with the Fed's action, to restrain brokers and dealers. "The Fed's announcements and action conformed with its actions in 1987. Then, its offer to act as a lender of last resort was too late to stop the panic that had already been deepened by rumors of brokerage malfeasance."

Meanwhile, brokers themselves tried to project a sense of calm. Before trading opened on Monday morning, for instance, a non-reminded with Toronto-based brokerage house, Merc Investment Corp., sent thousands of copies of a brochure entitled *The Unsettled Stock Opportunity in Advertising* to clients by e-mail and by electronic facsimile machine. The evening, Wall Street brokerage house, Prudential Securities, began selling television commercials that said, "The stock market is still the place to be for long-term appreciation." Partly as a result, many of the individual investors who remained in the market did not panic as they

did in 1987. Larry Biscione, a 27-year-old Toronto analyst and trader, said that he held on to about \$8,000 worth of mutual funds and blue-chip stocks early last week. But on Black Monday, he frantically sold much of his holdings in gold shares and penny stocks, losing about \$1,000.

By the middle of last week, the markets started to rally strongly, with some of the recovery provided by unexpected forces. On Wednesday, shares of some U.S. insurance companies, such as General Re Corp. and American International Group Inc., shot up following the San Francisco earthquake. Investors bought those shares because of the likelihood that it will be easier for the companies—who have been battling one another in prior years—to increase their premiums as the value of the estimated \$1.2 billion in claims they will have to pay to quake victims.

But other stocks, particularly those of companies on the verge of acquiring huge debt loads through zero-coupon financing and takeovers, continued to suffer. Shares of DAL Corp., the parent company of United Airlines that had triggered the collapse when it announced that a proposed \$8-billion management buy-out had fallen through, plunged by \$130.75 last week to close at \$166.85.

Many analysts blamed the onsets of the junk-bond market, which resulted in the near-collapse of Toronto-based, debt-laden Compu Corp. last month, for the market collapse last week. Galtmish said that companies such as troubled Compu Corp. are "dangerously overlevered with debt. Resources that should go to long-range planning are being used instead for short-term planning." Added John Tith, executive vice president of Toronto-based Citic Investment Corp.: "Junk bonds lead to junk stocks."

For his part, CIBC Advisory president, Audette said that the fact that large institutional investors account for up to 70 per cent of the trading on Wall Street will lead to continuing instability. He added that those powerful investors "tend to listen to the same information as anyone else. And when you get all the portfolio managers on one side of the line, the lost happens."

Other brokers said that program trading should be banned. While program trading now accounts for only about 12 per cent of the daily trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange, Selwyn Kleit, president of Laurentian Investment Management (Canada) Inc. in Toronto, said that the sale of hundreds of thousands of shares within minutes by computers often exaggerates price drops. Added Kleit: "The direction of the market cannot be blamed on the program—but the extent of it can be." Still, Cyril Gagliardi, a broker with Wood Gundy Inc. in Toronto, said that program buying actually helped hasten the recovery on Monday.

And as the increasingly volatile environment, even some of the industry's most well-known gurus are reluctant to make predictions about what will happen next. Robert Prentice, the editor of the market newsletter the *Global*

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## BUSINESS

Wise Telling, who started to **starden** after he predicted on Oct. 5, 1987, that the stock market would drop, said that he is no longer willing to make prognostications for the general public. Predictors acknowledged that he has frequently been wrong this year and that decisions rather than the forecasts of so-called experts drive the market down on Friday the 13th. He added "This downturn goes to show that it is underlying psychology that turns the market. The market is much larger than Bob Procter or Joe Gans."

Jim McElroy, president of Toronto-based Iron Capital Corp., said that the reason prices have fallen from public view is that there are no investors consisted of individual investors who left the market after 1987. And he said that these investors should be wary of entering the market again. Much of the upward climb over the past year, he added, can be attributed to unrealistic expectations generated by fragility (recent takeovers). "Why was it at \$351 a share recently," said McElroy, "when it was only worth \$75 a few short months ago?"

His analysis was from more pessimistic than the analysts we've been hearing from. He also noted continued volatility and a 350% price decline in the New York exchange by the end of the year.

Still, many economists and business leaders believe that the Friday the 13th collapse will prompt a more general economic downturn. Michael Waller, executive director of the Vancouver-based Fraser Institute, and that institution's in the stock market are based simply on changes in investors' perceptions about the future. He added, "The thing about expectations is that they're not based on anything real." Paddy Dowdell, chairman of Montreal-based Telecom, retelling and manufacturing a magnificent business life, declared, "What is happening in the stock market will not have any effect on the real economy and overall health." "It's people reacting emotionally and irrationally."

But brokers who bring money for small and medium-sized corporations to the stock market and that they are concerned that Friday the 13th will shake all interest in new share issues. Joan Aslett, head of the corporate finance department at Montreal-based brokerage firm McNeill Macnae Inc., says that the market last month collapsed after October, 1987, and that small investors were only beginning to allow reserved interest in them this fall. But last year, Aslett added, "investors were just quite helpless; they felt that things are not at their control." As a result, he said, "Our better-informed companies have been able to sell their stock in the market to raise funds to sustain their business in the future." Still, the confidence of smaller investors may recover as quickly as stock prices did last week—but for brokers the process could take much longer.

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## BUSINESS WATCH



# The Canadian who Sparked the Crash

BY PETER C. NEWMAN

**A**part from making more money than he can possibly spend, Robert Campeau's ultimate ambition is to make history. He may just succeed by providing our Canada's most spectacular biography—his own. For now, he'll have to settle for a footnote. As motivating circumstances of the Oct. 13 market crash are being studied in greater detail, many good economists agree that Canada's highest-flying entrepreneur was one of the chief culprits. It was Campeau's inability to meet his interest payments that quickly crystallized the doubts in the volatility of the many overvalued buy-out assets—and that, in turn, triggered the massive share-price correction.

The peters set off by the decline in value of Campeau's junk bonds, described by *The Economist* that as "the jolt of a punch," set off a panic about the possibility of debt threatening to engulf him and other junk-bond junkies. At the time, Campeau owed more than \$9 billion, yet couldn't satisfy his creditors enough to ensure continued delivery of a low discount interest worth all merchandise to his department stores. Poor Campeau. His debt plateau almost qualified him for inclusion as Third World country which at the current climate of fearlessness might have solved his problems. Instead, he watched helplessly as the value of his high yield securities plummeted on U.S. and Canadian exchanges.

Although Campeau was temporarily rescued by the Richemonts, who grabbed control of his company as collateral, the discomfited junk-bond holders began to liquidate their positions in panic. If they resigned buy-out stocks after his threatened downfall—the move that, when it became so realistic, shook the Oct. 13 debacle.

Based drop in the fall memory of some of the more seasoned Wall and Bay Street types, there must have surfaced the realized fact that stock prices should represent genuine consistent values such as levels of net earnings, long-term return-on-assets, projections,

*The stock market's subsequent recovery changes nothing—all the reasons that set off the Oct. 13 plunge remain in play*

and dividend prospects. That was a giant action at a time when nearly all the stock market action based around the latest fiasco of the search corporate parent's ability to run debt ratios high enough to grab control of a perfectly good firm, open off its assets, then flip the company before moving on to his next victim. But the fact that nervous investors and even some brokers have since begun to purge stocks at least partly on the basis of their fundamental values may be Oct. 13's most significant and most beneficial legacy.

The stock market's subsequent recovery changes nothing. All the reasons that set off the Oct. 13 plunge remain in play. Some \$220 billion worth of junk bonds are still outstanding, and as *The Wall Street Journal* noted last week "The shaky junk-bond market received its biggest jolt from Campeau Corp., which received an U.S. retailing merger with J&F Bancorp. Campeau designed a cash advance that caused it to be tardy on some interest payments and to put its prestigious Bloomingdale's department-store chain up for sale."

Most of the attention has so far been paid to the company's debt, but the junk bond equation. Yet their greed has created a vicious circle, driving perfectly sound companies into bank-

ruptcy. Those are the firms that financed themselves by floating the high-yield securities in the first place and now find that they are locked into having to pay outrageous compounded interest rates on their borrowings.

At the same time, the United States continues to face the economic job of having some of its local savings and loan institutions here run on the edge of bankruptcy. Bankers making an estimated \$78 billion to \$150 billion will be required to keep the American banking system afloat, and, at the moment, no one seems sure how Washington can fund such a massive cash injection.

As if that were not enough, there is the constant threat of a Third World debt collapse. Inevitably, even in all just this month. First Chicago, the United States' 13th-largest bank, reported a substantial third-quarter loss, because of funds it set aside against the expected default of its South American loan portfolio. J.P. Morgan & Co. Inc., the highly respected merchant bank, recently posted a \$3.2-billion loss for similar reasons, and the Bank of New York and Citicorp. Canadian bankers were originally owed \$10.6 billion by Third World countries, but they have now set \$6.7 billion aside in reserves against the expected bad loans. The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has gone the furthest, writing off its entire \$1.17-billion Third World debt, except for its Mexican obligations.

Apart from the financial pool to the stock markets by the combination of shorting junk bonds and beset savings and loan branches, on top of the increasingly unmanageable Third World debt, there is an underlying uncertainty about the future worldwide value of the Japanese stock exchange. Back in 1992, the Dow Jones index stood at about one-third of the Tokyo index. Now, the Japanese index ranges upward from 15,000, compared with the 2000 Dow index point on 960 Street. At some point—though nobody knows when—the Japanese market will have to correct itself, necessarily downward. That would prompt Japanese investors to sell off their huge holdings of U.S. and Canadian bonds, which could set off a major recession or worse. A situation is due, anyway, since no positive business cycle has exceeded the current eight-year upswing.

These data bode gloom for the near world. One example of how far fortunes have changed. Australia's most successful businessman, who is recently made the headlines by paying an enormous \$200 million for the King's Island, is in deep financial trouble. His huge empire is unraveling—the Bank of Boston, which was the lead contributor in the group that financed Bond's \$3.5 billion purchase of the G. Heileman Brewery Co. Inc. of La Crosse, Wis., only two years ago, has just reported a \$150-million loss, thereby to be drastically attracted to Bond's current difficulties.

All in all, the stock market has ceased to be a playground for small investors anxious to multiply savings or seek bargains against inflation. It's only the professionalists who can afford the game now, and with zero-sum game moves. As Robert Campeau on the loose, even their future seems as uncertain as his.





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## PEOPLE

### EXCITEMENT IN A CAPSULE

For British writer Peter Dinkley, the best stories are short ones. "It's essential, in storytelling, that your audience does not close off," said Dinkley, 66, the master showman, storyteller and author of 10 books, whose newly released work of fiction, *The Skinformers*, consists of two humorous 60-page novellas. Dinkley, who said that he is bored by fellow authors' "lengthy descriptions of parties and such things," added, "I have come to the conclusion, through bitter experience, that everything that has ever been written is a tiny bit too long."



Women in love with a weatherman

### A STAR WITHOUT EGO

When three actresses set as if they are engaged to the same man, movie producer Gail Pallach says that he's in for trouble. But he said that there were no problems during the filming of the comedy *North Winters*, to be released on Oct. 27, about three women in love with a weatherman. Pallach said that not even Leslie Ann Warren, 41, who is the bookkeeper of the actress and starred in the 1982 comic *Vixen/Vixen*, acted to be treated as the leading lady. Pallach added that the actresses got an "hormonally" showing that friendship outweighs passion.

### Power-driven

Heartthrob actor Don Johnson, the husband of actress Michelle Griffith, is at work producing a married woman. He is playing a womanizer and a driver in his latest movie, *The Not Spot*, costarring Virginia Madsen and now being filmed outside Austin, Tex. But the 39-year-old actor says that, while he loves acting, he gets some of his biggest thrills from handling powerful, slick executives, and adds that he likes being "sexy." Johnson recently acquired a contemporary 50-hp, 3,300-horsepower sports car called Team USA to take part in last week's World Superbike Championships in Atlantic City, NJ. The best, which cost more than \$12 million, ran top 120 in p.h. Johnson learned to handle high-performance boats in 1984 for his role as Det. Sonny Wortzik in the series *Miami Vice*. Now he said that he is hooked on racing over water because it is "dangerous, exciting." It seems that Johnson cannot get enough of power and action.



Johnson: high performance

### WRITING WITHOUT MERCY

During her eight years in First Lady Nancy Reagan's life, she often had her feelings hurt in her speeches. My Time, former president Ronald Reagan's wife, writes that the media's frequent depictions of her as a "power-hungry manipulator" or "a vindictive dragon lady" were unfair and unfair. "I came to realize, not without pain," writes Reagan, "that while Ronald Reagan was very popular, some people did not like his wife very much." In Reagan, now a Los Angeles, Calif., resident, has no trouble looking out at others in her latest and still book, to be released on Nov. 16. She describes her Soviet counterpart, Mikhail Gorbachev's wife, Yelena, for one, as "nervous." Writes Reagan: "She struck me as a woman who expected to be delivered to. Her controversial style made me bristle. She talked and talked and talked—so much that I could barely get a word in." Clearly, the former first lady does not believe in the value of discretion.

Reagan: "a vindictive dragon lady"



### A voice lost in the crowd

Canadian singer-songwriter André-Philippe Gagnon says that he believes anyone can be easily overlooked—except himself. Gagnon, 26, added that he can usually master any celebrity's voice and consciousness within hours. But Gagnon, who last week won a coveted Félix Award from the Québec music industry for his comedy, said that he would be the most frustrating star to try to copy. Said Gagnon: "The problem is that I have such a normal voice."

# Put on something naughty





# Towards new goals

YTV recognizes young Canadians' achievements

Like thousands of Canadian teenagers, 16-year-old Joe Philon wants to get a driver's licence. But first, the high-school student from Oshawa, Ont., will have to learn to walk again—and that may take a miracle of perseverance, determination and courage. On March 30, 1988, Philon suffered third- and fourth-degree burns to 85 per cent of his body when fire destroyed the family home. He spent the next 13 months in Boston and Toronto hospitals and, since his release last April, he has been confined to a wheelchair. In recognition of his heroic fight, Philon will receive a bravery award on Nov. 3 in Toronto as part of a nationally televised youth achievement ceremony. Said Philon: "I just want to get up and walk again, and do as much as I'm able to."

The awards were created by YTV, a specialty channel whose educational and entertainment programming is aimed at audiences ranging from toddlers to teenagers. The Toronto-based service, which began broadcasting in September, 1986, now can be seen from coast to coast at 5.5 million homes. YTV president Kenan Shea said that 35 awards will be presented to individuals or groups for outstanding achievements in fields ranging from writing to entrepreneurship and acting.

All of the recipients are 15 and under. Said Shea, 35: "We want these awards to become the Order of Canada for young kids."

Each of the winners, selected from a field of 500 applicants, will receive a \$3,000 cash prize and a trip to Toronto for the presentation. The \$45,000 in prize money was put up by the sponsors, along with contributions from five corporate sponsors. Among the winners: Nicole Lafram, 15, a college student from northern Alberta who has written 14 novels, two of which have been published; Jason Goldberg, 15, a Winnipeg university student who runs his own computer-consulting company through high school; and Joshua Richmond, 15, a Oshawa, Ont., high-school student who invented a burglar alarm, a merchandise stand and a device to make water heating panels more efficient.

But even at this accomplished group, Philon stands out as an extraordinary example of human courage and determination. His ordeal began when his wife awakened on a March evening by the smell of smoke in the family



Brig-Gen. Archie Brown with Philon's courage

home. He woke up his brother Daniel, now 12, and helped him to escape safely, then turned to search for his mother, Linda Davison. However, she had left the home to run an errand shortly before the fire started. Philon finally escaped by plunging through his bedroom window.

His burns were so extensive that he had to have more than 40 operations to graft new skin. Doctors were forced to amputate all of his toes. Philon can barely bend his right arm and leg because the tendons and muscles were so badly burned. Despite that, Philon is attending high school for four hours a day in his wheelchair, taking Grade 9 and 10 courses to make up for the years of school that he missed. And his first goal is to learn to walk again.

Shea: playing a larger role



Said Philon: "I want to get as mobile as I can."

For aspiring writer Linda, discipline and a vivid imagination have been the key elements of her success. Based at the farming community of Manning, 500 km northwest of Edmonton, she said that she spends at least two hours a day writing even though she is studying library management at an Edmonton community college. She specializes in speculative fiction, which explores the future or the supernatural, and writes for 10- to 16-year-olds. Two of her 14 books, *Unleashing the Doom and Disaster to the Overworld*, were published in 1986, and several others are being considered for publication. Said Linda: "My long-term goal is to become a full-time writer."

The entrepreneur Goldberg, starting a business at the age of 14 scored a national thing to do. After all, his grandfather was a prominent Winnipeg businessman, while his father and uncles are both chartered accountants. Goldberg, now 18, spent his Computer Services on weekends and summer holidays through high school. The company set up computerized accounting programs for small retail, service and construction firms. Goldberg said life is now slowing at the University of Manitoba and says that he hopes to become a chartered accountant himself. Said Goldberg: "Being financially independent is my goal."

Meanwhile, a childhood fascination with electronics turned Joshua Richmond into a student inventor. Rich, most, whose home town is 390 km east of Toronto, said that he works on his inventions in his spare time and that each one takes six to seven months to develop. Richmond said that he has not been able yet to sell his creations commercially, but for the past three years he has entered the National Science Fair, a nationwide student competition, in several groups. Said Rich: "I've always liked inventing things apart and creating new things."

For YTV, the awards represent an attempt to play an even larger role in the lives of young Canadians. Following a successful first year of operation, Shea said that the service's report of the Broadcast Bureau of Broadcast Measurement, a national audience rating service, revealed that YTV had attracted larger audiences in the year that ended Aug. 31 than other specialty services such as TSN, the all-sports channel, and MuchMusic, which specializes in rock videos. And that is still, noted Shea, was a major achievement.

BY ARCY JENKINS

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## JOURNALISM

# Packaging the news

*Racy talk shows masquerade as news programs*

**F**or television talk-show host Gerardo Rivera, it was a typical week of his racy, raucous television. He led off his five daily one-hour episodes with an enthralling rendition of Madonna, to which he and his guests tried to identify the forces that drive people to murder. Tuesday's installment, *Gerardo Live!*, was an unflinching discussion of such well-known powerful women as former first lady Nancy Reagan, singer Yoko Ono and actress Joan Collins. On Wednesday, Rivera's guests tried to answer the question "When is it ok to kill?" He wrapped up the week with a look at loved rock-music lyrics and women addicted to cocaine. This week Rivera planned to provide daily entries and moralized discussions across Canada and the United States. His program, *Gerardo!*, has become fairly well-known as what the television industry and its critics dismiss as "Shame TV," primarily profane, unapologetic programs that rely on sensationalism to arouse viewer emotions—while masquerading as education programs in pursuit of public interest.

The current crop of racy, melodramatic pseudo-documentary and talk shows, packaged

and sold to individual stations, is an extreme example of a trend that some TV critics say has begun to undermine legitimate news and public-affairs programming. All three major U.S. networks are coming under fire for being less concerned with news content than with the news value of the high-rated hosts who present it. At the same time, critics question the increasing use of sensationalism and re-enactments of events on top budget current-affairs programs, among them *Saturday Night* with *Cowen Chaw* on CBS. Even two of the widely respected super-hour network news shows have been harassed by allegations of having broadcasted either fake or uncorroborated videotape. And media studies from Michael Robertson of Washington, D.C.'s Georgetown University: "In one sense, mixing entertainment and information is a problem if one is concerned with the credibility and image of the news media in America."

Still, industry experts say that it is the hard programs on the fringes of public-affairs broadcasting that have set the new style by shamelessly exploiting their audiences. Rivera, once a conventional and articulate foreign correspond-

**Rather, concern that some traditional journalistic rules are being ignored**

dent for ABC TV news, had his nose broken in a brawl involving blacks, white racists and skin heads during a taping of his program last November. The racism continued to roll and the fight was broadcast. Oprah Winfrey, host of the daytime talk show *Oprah*, has dealt with such topics as pornography addicts, witches, pedicabs who kill their children—and children who kill their parents. The Oct. 18 edition of *A Current Affair*, packaged by the Fox Broadcasting Co., which is owned by communications tycoon Rupert Murdoch, carried a heavily suggestive item about a stripper called Gus who acts as a Wyoming saloon they cost the owner his wilderness suit. One problem of his performance were taken from a videotape that Gus apparently gave to the producers.

The use of re-enactments of events on videotape who has caused controversy. In July, ABC's *World News Tonight* with Tereselethene Peter Jennings, reported that John Birch, a 16-year-old American delinquent, was alleged to have acted for the Soviet Union. The show ran a videotape purporting to show a film clip of Birch passing a briefcase to a Soviet agent in Paris. Senior members of the news staff knew better and complained bitterly to the producers. As a result, six later apologized publicly, saying that the tape should have been identified as a "re-creation."

Another controversy erupted last month, when the tabloid *New York Post* ran a story charging that The *City Evening Post*, hosted by Dan Barker, "had faked horrific footage and false news accounts of the war in Afghanistan at least four occasions in the mid-1980s." The *Post* cited "military and media sources at



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# Sex and scandal

An inquiry hears graphic allegations of abuse

According to his own testimony 17 years after he arrived at the forbidding yellow-walled Mount Cashel home on St. John's, Newfoundland, 19-year-old Shane Burke was sexually isolated by one of the Christian Brothers into whose care his parents had entrusted him. Last week, the former orphanage resident testified that the incident was only the first in a series of sexual and other physical abuses that he experienced during 15 years at the institution. During two days of testimony before a royal commission hearing into alleged abuse at the home, Burke, now 33, said that within hours of entering Mount Cashel a house for children run by the Christian Brothers, a Roman Catholic lay order, one of the brothers attacked him in a storage room. Burke also testified that other sexual abuse occurred there, but later went on to abuse younger boys at the orphanage himself.

Burke, whose allegations about the treatment of children at Mount Cashel helped to spark the inquiry, also testified that he of being beaten, prevented from other boys from complaining about their treatment at the institution. Said Burke: "If another brother heard you discuss it, you'd get a beating." Provincial government officials set up the inquiry after former Ontario Solicitor General Stewart Hughes, to try to determine how the criminal justice system handled complaints from more than 25 boys about abuse involving Christian Brothers at Mount Cashel during the mid-1970s. Last week, a Newfoundland police inspector testified that superior ordered him in 1973 to suspend his investigation of two Christian Brothers who had admitted sexually abusing boys at the home.

As well, Burke testified in his testimony that sexual abuse at Mount Cashel continued after 1973, when many of the Christian Brothers alleged to have abused boys left the orphanage for teaching posts in other provinces. Burke, who was sent to the orphanage after his parents separated in 1952, said that he suffered abuse from a Christian Brother named Douglas Kenney on his first day at Mount Cashel. Later, he said that he was sexually abused by four other brothers, including Brother Edward English, who he said fondled him several times. But Burke told the inquiry that the most brutal abuse came from Brother Joseph Burke, a man whom Burke originally considered "very kind very gentle." Burke testified that, on one occasion, Burke struck his fingers into Burke's rectum after spraying him to the bed with a violent rub caused by children's sex. He stated

me, "Did it tickle?" Burke recalled, "and I just remember crying."

In December, 1975, after Burke allegedly beat Burke's bare buttocks with a belt for being a heavy card. Burke left Mount Cashel with his older brother William. "I couldn't understand why he was doing this to me," said Burke. "I



Burke: fear prevented complaints

thought to shed me." Burke recounted that during the beating, Burke had said "Stop crying or I'm going to continue." But, Burke added, "I wouldn't stop, and he kept beating and beating until I couldn't feel it anymore."

The boy's report of the beating to Stanley Roche, a former orphanage worker, prompted Roche to contact Burke's mother, who complained to the Newfoundland social services department. That complaint led to an investigation by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, the provincial police force. But Insp. Ralph

Phillips told the inquiry last week that the investigation was abruptly halted by then-Prosecutor Chief John Lawlor's office the day after two brothers admitted that boys were being physically and sexually abused at Mount Cashel. Phillips said that two brothers, whom he did not identify, had admitted to abusing boys. Phillips added that he was planning to arrest the two men when Lawlor's office intervened. The two men who left the province, Burke, who had been staying with his mother at St. John's, returned to Mount Cashel in 1978 after he learned that some of the brothers had moved away. Lawlor, who is retired, is expected to testify later in the inquiry.

In his testimony last week, Burke indicated that the abuse at the orphanage continued, although he personally was not abused after his return. He said that during the late 1970s, he saw older boys having sex with younger boys. Burke himself became the subject of a 1980 investigation after five residents of the home complained to relatives that they had been abused by Burke and another boy. Burke told the hearing, "I was forced to sexual acts by older boys with myself, and later getting involved with my peers and boys much younger than myself."

Still, Burke testified that the memories of his treatment at Mount Cashel have haunted him, and in 1985 he attempted to kill himself by taking an overdose of pills. Although the pills turned out to be only vitamins, Burke said that he received psychiatric care for two months for severe depression. Two years later, he left Mount Cashel for the last time. Last February, when he learned that the police were investigating Mount Cashel again, Burke went to the police and made an extensive statement about the way he said that he had been treated at the institution. At that time, eight Christian Brothers were charged.

Last Thursday, Derek Green, a lawyer representing Hughes, refused to cross-examine Burke, saying that his client's reputation had been unfairly damaged by unfounded charges. "In a sense, it is an injustice on each person," said Green. "Any allegations can be made against them, you can go into great details about them, and their names are mentioned in every room." Burke's lawyer, Brian Casey, said that he may ask that the charges against Burke be dismissed on the grounds that his right to a fair trial have been hurt. But earlier, Hughes dismissed similar complaints by defence lawyers. The Hughes inquiry is one of three currently under way in Newfoundland—the Catholic church is conducting the others—to investigate scandals involving sex-related allegations. Since early 1988, 18 priests, former priests or lay members of the Roman Catholic community have been charged or convicted of sex-related offences involving boys. Newfoundlanders are clearly determined not to rest past scandals, testimony at the Hughes inquiry has raised serious questions about the behavior of officials who were responsible for setting against wrongdoing.

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## Rub shoulders with Royalty.







Tusk seizure in South Africa: controversy over a species facing extinction

## WILDLIFE

# A ban on ivory

*Nations attempt to save Africa's elephants*

**T**en years ago, about 1.5 million elephants roamed the African bush. Now, relentless hunting by poachers, who use automatic weapons to gun down the animals and skins seen to remove their ivory tusks, has reduced that number to about 600,000. As a result, an international conference of delegates from 103 nations meeting in Lugano, Switzerland, last week agreed to declare African elephants an endangered species and to ban the international trade in ivory beginning in January 1990. But five African nations objected to the ban and said that they would continue the trade. In the aftermath, experts were divided over whether the meeting's outcome would help to save the animals—or encourage poachers to continue their assault on the dwindling herds.

The conference, sponsored by the United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, won support for the ban from the United States, Canada, the 12-nation European Community and 62 other nations. Japan, which consumes nearly 40 per cent of the estimated \$220 million worth of ivory traded each year, obtained from the vote, although officials said that their nation would comply with the ban. As the main time representatives of the southern African nations of Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia said they will ignore the majority agreement.

They claimed that their countries have strong, well-managed herds, although those in Kenya and other East African nations are dwindling. As a result, those three countries are able to allow some elephants to be killed under official supervision each year, and they export the ivory to earn valuable foreign currency.

In an effort to encourage more unanimous African support for the ban, the Lugano agreement provides for a review process that could make exceptions for some countries with healthy herds to export ivory. But Rowan Martin, deputy director of Zimbabwe's wildlife department, predicted that poachers in other African countries would "kill the elephants and store the ivory. They may have difficulty in getting rid of it but they will continue the killing."

Some experts said that the ban could ultimately help to control the elephant slaughter by influencing international public opinion and discouraging consumers from buying articles made of ivory. Those items traditionally include carving busts, piano keys, jewelry and carvings. If the ban does not prove effective, the future of the African elephant could be bleak. Informed estimates show that if the present rate of killing continues, the world's largest land animal could become extinct within the next 50 years.

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## LAW

# A reprieve for the Eye

*A court of appeal reduces a mammoth libel award*

**T**hroughout its often troubled 34-year history, the British satirical journal *Private Eye* has meticulously lampooned public figures and scooped them of obscenities and even criminal behavior in articles that most mainstream newspapers and magazines would never consider publishing. As a result, *Private Eye*'s editors traditionally treated their actions largely as a matter of routine. But they expressed shock last May when a British court ordered the magazine to pay \$1.1 million in libel damages. It was the largest award in British history, and it raised the possibility that the satirical publication might be forced into bankruptcy. Then, *Private Eye* voters appealed the award—and last week, a three-judge panel cancelled all but \$40,000 of the award and announced that they would reassess the amount of damages at a later date.

The Appellate Court, however, dismissed the magazine's contention that it had not libeled Sonia Stoddie, the estranged wife of the so-called Berlin Wall rapper, Peter Stoddie. Stoddie, 42, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1981 for murdering 13 women. That year, and again in 1983, *Private Eye* claimed that Sonia Stoddie agreed to sell her story to the British tabloid newspaper *Daily Mail* for \$250,000. Stoddie sued in 1987, and a High Court jury in London ruled in her favor. Lawyers for the *Eye* as it is commonly known, argued during the trial that the articles were based on the tabloid press's practice of obscuring journalism—paying for interviews.

After the initial judgment, the *Eye*'s editors pointed to the wide gulf between the amount it had been ordered to pay and the average payments of \$15,500 compensation awards awarded to the families of Stoddie's victims. In Wales, jurors in that case make awards for damages without any advice from the presiding judge. But the judgment against *Private Eye* led to calls for reform of the nation's libel laws. As a result, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government announced in June that it would review libel legislation. After the jury decision in May, editor Ian Hogg declared, "If this is justice, then I am a banana." Last week, he announced with evident delight: "The judges have said the award is too much. I am not a banana."

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## SPACE

# Journey to Jupiter

*Galileo streaks off on an ambitious mission*

Project engineers at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) control centre at Cape Canaveral cheered last week as the space shuttle *Athlas* rose majestically into the air, opening streams of white smoke as it ascended into the deep blue Florida sky. The shuttle carried five astronauts. And second in its hold was the 2.5-ton space vehicle *Galileo*, which, on less than 21 minutes later, the astronauts released into space on its way to begin the most sophisticated interplanetary mission ever devised—a surprise, 5.4-billion-kilometre journey to the planet Jupiter. If it succeeds, *Galileo* will orbit Jupiter in December, 1996, and send an exploratory spacecraft into the clouds of hot, red gas that surround the planet. There, scientists say that the craft's delicate sensing equipment may help to solve mysteries surrounding the origins of the universe.

The historic \$1.6-billion mission began after a series of weather delays and a legal action mounted by environmentalists who claimed that nuclear fuel stored aboard *Galileo* posed a serious threat to life on Earth. In space, *Galileo* was scheduled to carry out a mission of unprecedented complexity.

To speed its flight, *Galileo* will combine nuclear propulsion with a series of gravitational boosts on a looping course through space. It will keep orbiting continuously, passing through Venus's gravitational field in February, 1990 and maintain its velocity by passing out and out of Earth's gravitational field once—in 1992 and 1993. The second flyby, scientists say, will fling it onto its course



Launches court challenges

to detect Jupiter. Last week, in *Athlas*'s orange lay speed and springs gently spaced the space vehicle, astronaut Donald Williams, the mission commander, declared "Galileo is on its way to another world."

Earlier, a series of problems delayed the *Athlas* launch. A storm at the sea forced a 24-hour postponement. NASA officials had already delayed it three times during the previous seven years because of technical problems. Later last week, launching thunderbolts almost halted the rocketed-off lift-off. As well, the earthquake that devastated the San Francisco area briefly posed a threat to the mission when it damaged a *Seismicity*, Cold, computer complex that provides a communications link with the spacecraft throughout its cosmic voyage. The computer system, however, was unaffected.

A different kind of threat to the mission was posed by environmentalists and activist scientists, who objected to the 49.25 kg of radioactive plutonium-238 that is used as fuel for *Galileo*'s generators. A group of members of the 75-year Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice appeared in a U.S. district court in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 30 in an effort to obtain an injunction against the mission. The environmentalists argued that the shuttle had a 1-in-70 chance of exploding on takeoff, a disaster that struck the shuttle *Challenger* in January, 1986.

They said that such an accident could contaminate the entire state of Florida with radioactive debris. Environmentalists also argued that when *Galileo* passes through the Earth's

gravitational field later, it could disintegrate, scattering debris on the planet as the radioactive plutonium dust falls 120 km over Earth's surface.

For their part, NASA officials said that the U.S. energy department had spent \$55.1 million submitting plutonium pellets to stockpiles to satisfy themselves that there was only a 1-in-2,500 chance of an explosion causing radioactive fallout. The district court judge ruled against the environmentalists, and in a subsequent appeal—only two days before the launch—three federal judges upheld the ruling, allowing the final lift-off to the mission.

The unnamed *Galileo*, bearing the name of the Italian astronomer who discovered four of Jupiter's 16 glowing moons in 1610, will be the first spacecraft to attempt to penetrate the atmosphere of the solar system's largest planet. The nearest spacecraft that orbits Jupiter has come to Jupiter was NASA's



Galileo's six-year quest for clues to the origins of the universe

Voyager 2 (just as 1979.2 transmitted more than 10,000 photographs back to Earth, revealing a brilliant, hazy, orange ring of dust particles around the planet. The pictures also

revealed the startling colors—orange, green and blue—of Jupiter's moons—in Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

When *Galileo* reaches Jupiter in December, 1996, it will orbit the planet for 22 months and at times come within 120 miles of some of the moons. *Galileo* carries a sophisticated camera—developed with the help of Calgary physicist Gilbert Kopp—shot well enable scientists to study features of the planet and its moons. Because the camera is highly sensitive, it will be able to see faint light from such features as sources as electrical discharges to provide images of the dark sides of Jupiter and its satellites, as well as unique views of the night side of Earth's own moon.

Allegre, who has been involved with the *Galileo* project since 1978, was one of 12 scientists who participated in the development of the mission. About three last long and maintaining a continuous telescope and television camera.

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## FILMS

# Animal magnetism

A grizzly and a cub make a buddy movie

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Set in British Columbia in 1985, but filmed in Europe, *The Bear* is a nature movie like no other. It is not a documentary but a humorous \$99 million dramatic feature. It portrays animals with startling realism and intimacy as characters in the wild. For French director Jean-Jacques

Annaud, best known for his 1983 hit, *Quest for Fire*—a Canadian-made prehistoric epic—*The Bear* marks another kind of milestone. Based on *The Grizzly King*, a 1965 story by US adventure writer James Oliver Curwood, it is a simple tale about a male grizzly and an orphan cub who are pursued by hunters. But it is filmed from the bear's point of view. There is no narration, and there are only 10 minutes of dialogue in the 90-minute movie.

Douce with Annaud: "I was looking for the John Wayne of bears"



Opening across North America this week, *The Bear* has already broken box-office records in Europe, where it has grossed over \$110 million. Asked about his movie's appeal, Annaud told *Maxim*'s last week "It's more like the E. T. syndrome. E. T. is about a little alien from another world in trouble, and here we have a little alien from this world in trouble—one is made of plastic, the other of fur."

The "little alien" is the orphan cub, played by an adorable bundle of fur named Douce, who was four months old when filming began. In the movie's first scene, the cub sees his mother killed by a rattlesnake while they are digging honey from a beehive in a mountain slope. The cub survives a variety of adventures, playing a game of cat-and-mouse with a dog, tumbling down rapids and being chased by a cougar. Annaud even depicts the cub's dreams—sed, in one scene, his hallucinations after eating a "magic mushroom." Along the way, the orphan finds a foster parent in the adult bear, played by Bert. Together, they catch trout, hunt deer—and are tracked by two hunters. The drama culminates in an extraordinary showdown between bear and man.

Referring to both children and adults, *The Bear* weaves its spell with a sophisticated array of camera and sounds. French cinematographer Philippe Rousselot says that he wanted to create a fictional rather than a documentary look, and he filmed the animals with the kind of professional lighting used for Hollywood stars. The movie is full of boldly edited close-ups—from the glint in a bear's eye to a knife blade carving a notch in the tip of a bullet. Meanwhile, the sound track offers a musical symphony of animal expression—the sounds of growling, prowling, panting, crying and eating.

The cub's plastic voice sounds awfully like that of a human baby. But despite the cub's cuteness, *The Bear* has little in common with Disney-style animal adventures. "Disney took a totally different approach," said Annaud. "He depicted a human being with the features of an animal—much the way he did in cartoons." In *The Bear*, animal characters act remarkably like humans, but the director said that he did not want the identification to be questioned.

Asked Annaud, "People tell me that after seeing *The Bear*, they look at other animals—and the animals in films—with different eyes. It's very much about training the beast and respecting the beast's guide."

Annaud said that he first had the idea of making "a psychological drama about animals" when he was in Toronto in 1983, working on *Quest for Fire*. It occurred to him while reading Os Guinness, Austrian biologist Norval Lorenz's book on animal behavior. Annaud then discovered the novel by Curwood, a bear hunter turned conservationist, who spent much of his life in the Cana-

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on bank. Because Corwood's story was set in British Columbia, Amund first scouted there for filming locations. But its tracts of virgin wilderness were inaccessible by road. He then scouted locations in New Zealand, Australia, Spain, Hungary and Romania, before finally settling on the Austrian and Italian Alps.

But the movie clearly identifies the story's B.C. setting—a strange reversal of what happens when Hollywood uses Canadian locations for movies set elsewhere. Said Amund: "I have been very careful to try to capture the feeling of British Columbia's untouched wilderness, the feeling of provincial remoteness." And, in an extravagant gesture, Amund travelled to the Arctic fringe of Canada's Northwest Territories to film just the first shot of the movie—a sweeping panorama of snowcapped peaks.

In casting the animals, Amund again had to strike a manageable balance between realism and accessibility. He said he needed "a bear that could behave as if he were alone in the wilderness with a crew of 300 people watching." He could have chosen any number of tame circus bears that they would be accommodating in a natural setting. Amund visited California ranches that train animal actors, but he had no success. "I had a preconception of this bear without knowing that individual bears were so different," the director recalled. "I was looking for the John Wayne of bears and I met the Peter O'Toole or Dudley Moore of bears. I was quite disappointed. I kept meeting bears that were too boy or too aggressive."

Then, in 1986, he discovered Bert, a grizzly who was born in a zoo but raised in the Utah mountains by mountain trapper Doug Beus. Amund said he found the animal "impossible and reliable." Bert will not bud to acquire some survival skills—it took him a year to learn how to swim, but he did not mind. But by the time filming started in 1987, Bert was ready. And by then, he already had two supporting roles to his credit—only David Hasselhoff in a perfume commercial, and the Cave Bear, and with John Candy in a summer television farce, *The Great Outdoors*. Amund cast the soft-spoken bear up as a clever bottled-cube as a bear nursery set up by the producers in Prince

There were no agencies working with Bert—until the end of the shoot, when Amund had a door call. "After six months of very close scrutiny," he said, "we all thought we were working with a big bear, a bear as a cinematic creature." Posing for photographs, the director stepped over the lightly electrified wire used to designate the bear's private territory. Bert knocked Amund over and pressed him to the ground. Recalled Amund: "He was desperately trying to bite me. I could hear the creak of his lungs, but he couldn't reach me because my head was under his chest." Amund remained calm, and the bear lost interest, allowing him to crawl away. His only injury was a gash in his backside from a claw. "Bert was just a bad mood," shrugged the director—now more aware than ever that even the best actors can be temperamental.

BRIAN D. JOHNSON



Corwood, Schacht, Newman dramatizing Oppenheimer's quest to build the A-bomb

## Bombs away

A megaton epic overwhelms its director

BY MAN AND LITTLE BOY

Directed by Roland Joffé

Hollywood loves stories that are larger than life. And few are much larger than the saga of building the first atomic bomb. It all sits at the right stuff a cross against time, a crisis of conscience and a chance of lethal perfection. History has even provided a tragic hero in American physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer: father of the nuclear age and victim of an anti-Communist witch-hunt. Now, the story of Oppenheimer's quest to build the bomb has been turned into a cautionary epic, *Pat Man and Little Boy*—the title refers to the names of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. Prince

director Roland Joffé has displayed a talent for dramatizing historic tragedy. He portrayed the Canadian massacre in *The Killing Fields* (1984) and the European conquest of South America in *The Mission* (1986). But with *Pat Man and Little Boy*, Joffé seems overburdened by his subject: the movie is a monumental dud.

Paul Newman stars as Gen. Leslie Groves, a figure who has received scant notice from

brilliant young scientist recruited by power. Early on, Groves is shown to have a Casanova's extramarital affair with a Casanova named Joan Thelma (Michelle Richardson). Presumed by Groves, Oppenheimer serves the relationship, promoting the woman to research scientist—the first ceremony in a chain reaction of career events leading up to the Nagasaki. Facilitating nuclear development by Oppenheimer's wife, Kitty (Barbara Hershey), serves as a bromancer of doom, while a romantic subplot between a young scientist (John Cusack) and an army nurse (Laura Dern) offers little relief. As the Los Alamos team perfects their weapon, the Allied victory over Nazi Germany makes its deployment questionable. But Groves convinces Oppenheimer that the bomb must be dropped, and the freethinking scientist undergoes a Russian transformation. Later, a colleague tells him, "Oppenheimer, you ought to stop playing God, because you're not God at all, and the position is taken."

The same advice should have been given to the director, whose actors seem victims of creative overload. Armed with too much moral insight, Joffé directs with bombastic hyperbole, as if the race to build the bomb and the struggle to make the movie were one and the same. Although everyone seems to be acting as if so, they aren't, the process seems to take forever. When the first A-bomb is finally accepted at Los Alamos, with the magic of Hollywood special effects, it arrives like a bomb of bomb art—a sign that the movie, rather than the world, is about to end.

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# Delicate liaisons

A movie skirts the new issues of adoption

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

Directed by Jonathan Kaplan

**T**hey are a professional couple who seem to have everything: an enduring marriage, a beautiful house overlooking the ocean, a black Subi Turbo convertible and a cute dog. What they lack, however, is a baby. And after failing to conceive their own, they arrange to adopt. They give their hopes to a young, working-class woman who is about to give birth but who lacks the means to be a good mother. That is the premise for *Immediate Family*, a movie about the trend toward open adoption—a process by which the biological mother meets the adoptive parents before surrendering her child. It is a delicate issue: the last movie typically addressed by a television movie-of-the-week. But *Immediate Family* treads around the controversy. Amazing and heartbreaking, it grapples with the issues on both sides with decency.

More troubling than provocative, *Immediate Family* offers a hard script estimated by some film critics. But the casting is at first perplexing: why are Glenn Close and James Woods—both famous for playing twisted personalities—portraying a nice, well-adjusted couple in a nice, well-adjusted movie? In her most recent role, Close appeared as a cruelly vindictive aristocrat in the 18th-century sexual abuse tragedy *Damage*. Woods, And the last time she shared the screen with young children was in the 1987 thriller about the dangers of child sex, *Fatal Attraction*, where his character turned a little girl's car into a habitation of a psychotic. Woods tends to play backwoods, schizophrenic and drug users. Last year, he appeared in an ad for *The Best*, a cautionary tale about cocaine and as a jet-setting lawyer in *True Romance* the story of a courtroom mope. Now *Immediate Family* gives Close and Woods a rare opportunity to act like model citizens. Both performers seem to coast through the movie. But even at half-speed, the two actors manage to transcend their material.

Placed in Vancouver, the story is set in Seattle. Linda (Close) sells upscale real estate. Michael (Woods) is a veterinarian. After a decade of marriage, Linda has failed to become pregnant. The couple makes a glacial attempt at artificial insemination, without success. Finally, they turn to an agency that arranges open adoptions, an organization that seems to operate much like a dating service. It involves an exchange of vital statistics, a serious trial, matching a reputation and perhaps a little background check. The movie conveys the swirling irony of the procedure for everyone involved. As a friend of Michael's mother

observes: "It used to be about a child needing a home. Now it's about a couple wanting a child."

Suddenly, Linda receives a collect call from a young woman at an outdoor pay phone who is due to give birth in three weeks. Lucy (Mary Stuart Masterson) is from out of town. She lives in a crowded house with a grueling stepfather and an adolescent pair of brothers. Raising a baby is out of the question. Soon Lucy is on



Close's having everything—except her own baby

Linda's doorstep, followed by her boyfriend, Sam (Kevin Dillon), a rock 'n' roll musician. As the couple gets to know both Lucy and Sam, they suffer culture shock. When asked what business her parents are in, Sam explains, "They're not in a business. They're in a job." In fact, Sam's mother works in a bakery and his father was convicted of killing a fellow factory worker in an argument. Says Sam:

"You don't mess with the old man."

However, Linda and Michael eventually recognize that the biological parents of their prospective acquisition are a loving couple, despite punk appearances and edgy backgrounds. The class barrier is reduced to a matter of taste, like the difference between cup-holding the music and heavy metal—Linda and Lucy find common ground dancing in Linda's front room to an old Van Morrison ballad. In seeing a home for her unborn child, Lucy experiences the family warmth that she never had. And the relationship comes together in an especially moving scene of Lucy giving birth, with Michael and Linda serving as labor coaches.

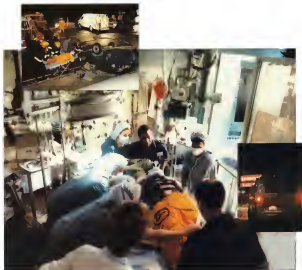
Inevitably, Lucy has second thoughts about giving up her child—otherwise, there would be no drama. Masterson captures the subtleties of the young mother's dilemma with great sensitivity. But the script does not develop the conflict. All the characters seem unilaterally positive with one another. And director Jonathan Kaplan pads the narrative with an excess of soft-rock music to go to get the audience to cry.

Nevertheless, *Immediate Family* crosses some disturbing terrain about adoption. Although it is the story of an affluent couple who, in effect, buy a baby from a woman who cannot afford to keep it, the movie does not grapple with the implications of the transaction. Nor does it comment on the fact that the couple selects the hottest commodity in the adoption market: a healthy, white, newborn baby. At first, the story puppets clichés with a sense of irony. But as the drama turns serious, clichés solidify into moral stereotypes.

Director Kaplan has built much of his career on movies that express a feminist compassion for women. His best movie, *Heart Like a Wheel* (1988), chronicled the life story of American drag queen Shirley Maclaine, who fights a battle against sexism as because a champion. And last year, Kaplan directed *The Accused*, the harrowing story of a female lawyer defending a working-class victim of a gang rape.

With *Immediate Family*, he makes such less challenging movie about women learning to communicate across the class barrier. The movie succeeds in generating a strong sense of empathy, but, for the sake of outlasting entertainment, it skirts the issue that it pretends to explore.

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invited at the trial of Ballard and his partner, the late Stafford Smythe, that cheque worth more than \$85,000 to the Maple Leafs from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association was directed to Ballard and Smythe. Beddoes reports that Ballard never spoke to Hodge again. Later, after Smythe died and Ballard was out of control of the Gardens, Ballard confessed, as part of his confession to the Smythe family, that Dr. Hugh Smythe, Stafford's brother, had in his hockey career taken.

In 1977, Toronto Star sportswriter Frank Orr was critical of Ballard's treatment of Jim Gregory, then general manager of the Maple Leafs. "Ballard's response," Beddoes writes, "was to tell Orr exactly the same thing telling others that Orr was homophobic." He claimed Orr "intended to write the St. Charles Town or Young Street 'looking for little boys'." Beddoes then goes on to explain, as one of the book's funniest lines, that the now-defunct St. Charles was "a hangout for homosexuals on the male for an all-male non-night stand" and that Ballard's comments "reflected Orr's personality, and especially his wife because they are practicing homosexuals." Even now, Ballard will not speak to Orr.

In yet another example of the old media's antagonism, Beddoes recounts how in 1979 Rick Haddock, editor of the Maple Leaf Gardens hockey program, discovered that a famous piece of Canadian had been dropped by Ballard. The broadcasting booth known as "the pods," from which announcer Foster Hewitt had covered Leafs games on radio and television since 1931, had been destroyed. The story was scrapped and the word "pod" was the Gardens' mascot. He said the story in *The Toronto Star* and Ballard, claiming that the story was out of fact. The severed Hewitt was the deskman when he heard the news. Then he said: "It typical of Ballard." He has no respect for reporters or editors.

However, the fact-based Ballard shows a softer side, although it is a decidedly sexist one, as the book's final chapters Ballard writes of the romance between him and Yolande, a relationship that has proved enduring for people drawn to the soap-opera qualities of the unscrupulous octogenarian's life. The divorced Yolande—when the author describes as being "deserted as an iron foundry"—met Ballard in July, 1983, when she decided to take a birthday cake to his office on his 60th birthday.

The relationship between Yolande and Ballard touches the heart. In August, 1985, Beddoes dropped to see them as they were about to depart for Hodge's summer cottage. After helping Ballard get settled in his wheelchair, Beddoes describes their exit. "Yolande, propping up her loose summer chemise, walked towards the door," he writes. "I followed, helping Harold up steps. There was a provocative swing to her legs. Harold was appreciative. 'Nice ass, eh, Rick?' I smiled, also appreciative." That exchange is about as tender as the book, sometimes look gets. But, of course, that makes it a perfect fit for Phil Hall.

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# TV highs and lows

New Canadian series soar and stumble

Something new television seems can be a little like sending up a space shuttle. Both enterprises are fraught with risk—and with uncertainty about whether the vehicle will successfully go into orbit. On the Canadian scene, three of the five new Canadian prime-time series are turning heads, getting off the ground (one achieves a promising lift-off), and another, the second season show *The Kids in the Hall*, has crashed gaily tonight since its debut in mid-September. All of the series—CBC's *Moose Lake*, *In Opposition* and *The Kids in the Hall*, and CTV's *Border*—have and *ENG*—follow familiar TV formulas. But only *Kids*, a half-hour show featuring five young men with a shared love of fantasy, and *ENG*, a polished, hour-long series focusing on the people and events in a television newsroom, sport original content and the results. The other three—the two sitcoms, *Moose Lake* and *In Opposition*, and one 1980s drama set in the Canadian West, *Border*—are weighed down with loose plots, predictable plots and clichéd characters.

*ENG*, an acronym for electronic news-gathering, is indebted to the 1987 movie *Overlooked News*, to the groundbreaking TV show *Mike Smith Show*, and even to the old *Mike Todd Show*. Starting this week on Thursday at 10 p.m., it features single and screen actress Sarah Badalek as news producer Ann Whitelaw, a dedicated workaholic who still looks glamorous after a grueling day of meeting deadlines and making her decisions. On the one hand, she has to find off-the-wall entertainment from the powerfully connected station owner. On the other, she is fighting the intrusion of her private life as her professional life—a difficult task because her lover is the station's hottest comedian, Jake Atchell (Mark Humphrey).

The show is saved from becoming a night-time soap opera by some strong women, a witty supporting cast and topical plots ranging from true crime scandals to municipal corruption. While occasionally melodramatic, it does have the characters' lives. And it avoids the usual clichéd slash rivalry between working women. For *The Kids in the Hall* ( airing Thursdays, 9:30 p.m.), the kids are clearly a catalyst for comedy. Members of the group have a quirky eye for obscure situations and they are



*Moose Lake*: a hot comedian in a newsroom love affair

adapt at making them made out. In one case, a suburban mother, played hilariously by Scott Thompson, at first refuses to let her son keep the strap on he has brought home. Gradually, she softens, but finally acquiesces his desire. The difference is that the story is not a cat but a societal-eyed businessman, who keeps heading out business cards and completely shorts his men into the sex plying "Dive."

The show displays the kind of comic energy that helped to make the British TV series *Monty Python's Flying Circus* a success in the 1970s. While the *Monty Python* crew is lauded in the upper class, the monarchy and private schools, the characters in *Kids* stick to their middle-class roots. Their targets include suburban bourgeois, sheltered businessmen and homophobes, and their sharpness is more enlightening than malicious. Often the premise of a plot is extremely silly, but the troupe's verbal delivery, only language and their comic momentum can still carry it—and make up for

occasional lapses into bad taste. In one case, the low-level Dave Foley assumes that the troupe has unexpectedly found the cause of cancer. To provide the full explanation, he introduces a nervous Bruce McCulloch who, after several false starts, blarts out earnestly, "The story I found is that cancer." The show is sometimes offbeat and also surprisingly serious. But the cast members are among the freshest comedy minds at work on TV.

At the other end of the comic spectrum are two new CBC series, *Moose Lake* and *In Opposition*. *In Opposition* (Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.) features *Street Legal*'s Kathleen Lesley as Karen Collier, a newly elected, idealistic MP representing Montreal, N.B. In Ottawa, she is quickly becoming familiar with partisanship, corruption and incompetence at Parliament Hill. But the writing and the characters—vivid party aides, down-to-earth politicians and Collier herself—seem so lacking in subtlety that viewers will scarcely care when she finds herself in awkward scrapes.

Staleness mars *Moose Lake* (Fridays, 7 p.m.). Stung by comedia White MacDonell plays Bob Harrison, a math teacher who lives for his summer vacations in cottage country. The week's subplot is on nearly every Monday afternoon feature a long-rafting with a mischievous son and daughter. Did a TV's usual incestuous family man, acceptable to literary and given to much posturing. The relationship between Bob and his good-natured neighbor, George, seems like a pale imitation of the old Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton rules in *The Huckleberry*. A loud, intense lover and a day-writer's comic who still manages to outsmart him.

*Borderlines* (Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.), a western featuring the good, the bad and the beautiful, makes a good case for Gershwin's return. A good position is left by its fast-paced writing. Nicely cast near Maple Ridge, B.C., the show is set in an 1880s town that has been split in half by the newly drawn 49th parallel. U.S. Marshal Jack Conklin (Richard Coates) is an enforcer who provides law enforcement in the American section. His counterpart is a gentle Mountie Chris Bennett (Eric Braeden). Complicating the triangle is Marie Desmet, a beautiful French widow and dancer (Sophie Bregui). who cares for the ladies that fall at regular intervals in the town. The relationship between the two men contains a fine irony, not only on the surface, but also in the attitudes they bring to their jobs—while their rivalry for the affections of Desmet never runs above the surface.

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A good cook can do wonders with leftovers, and Stevie Cameron's food has been her little, usually in her morning conversations that as an Ottawa newspaper journalist from 1977 to 1986, in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* columnist prepares as tasty a ball of political facts as has come out of the capital since Robert Gray raised and loomed. *Poems* (London) and several line up, *Mugger* (New York). Cameron cooks everything taste (finds her research is sharp, it often secondhand. Her nose for gossip is keen, although her pen is not as glib as that of an older *no-Ottawa* group, *Alma Potemkin*).

to be crooks, huffers and bangs, with accuracy an admirable policy, more or less in their party hands.

In *Ottawa Inside Out*, the "inside" is better than the "out," for Stevie Cameron is, above all, an insider. And when she is not, she does a good job of sounding like one. She knows the language of the industry—the jargon of the scribble had to be accepted later. She also does her know, and use, the secrets of all the implements and attitudes of the political life, but she is also up to all the basic words of bureaucracy too, through the eyes of her civil-servant husband, David Cameron.

The sort of close at the University of British Columbia, he is the standard's standard, a former assistant deputy minister for various departments in Ottawa. Now senior constitutional adviser to Ottawa Premier David Peterson, he is also that province's chief liaison officer with Quebec. In pursuit of both their careers, the Camerons have always maintained lively—continuing in their *Toronto* home (for tradition they established in the same mission they moved in Ottawa).

And nowhere is this book more expertly aware than in the elegant salons of *BlackBerry* or the heavily supplied sections of *Ottawa* called *New Edinburgh*. The writers there have always seen Cameron as one of their own. Her accounts of the new Ottawa reflect their long-



extraneous liberal viewpoints. Her scathing attacks on Ottawa as it was before the Terry Hutchinson arrived, led by those parvenu Mulroney at the neo-curtain stage of bag Irish development—with an assist from his crony-quoted Yugoslavians who from Serajevu

Carson clearly benefits the joining of the old capital. "Ottawa used to be more free—ow it is dreary and extremely crowded," she writes. She meets the Allan Gellards and the Bernard Odryns and the Richard Givens are not on hand to give parties anymore, nor is she herself. Parties may be given now, but obviously not by anybody who might matter. "Why does the city feel soor today?" she asks. The question begs the answer: it must be because the Stewie Carsons have moved to Toronto. And who could sell a book like this about that place?

The book serves up four courses, not necessarily as Carson labels them in her notes. The soup is her travel-magazine tour of Ottawa, spiced with asides about who is doing what to whom, and where, including a curious recipe about the Tulpe Valley Motel being the place for media apogonies. The fish course is a diatribe

thence on how the game of politics is played, layer by layer. It is the best part of the book, with its insights into how governments govern—how they are supposed to, how it happens, and how it could be a better, personality-free, world.

The main course is a delecting menial of who matters and why, including those who have. Indeed, Good night, Mike Dally Bells, Wendy Mesley. So long Dalton Camp. Solid work, Carol Goss. Carson's own dinner-table viewpoint is evident in the routinely points out the poverty of women in high places is, government—and frequently suspects the superiority of women who do make it, particularly in journalism.

For dessert, there is a re-bake of all the better yokes that have been done on Ottawa and Mike Maloney, full of details about the shopping and decorating habits of the rich and famous, much of it funded by taxpayer's money. Her most famous episode, the size of the Maloney cupboard, and the number of gowns and Gosses therein. The old scandals, like the bombing of a distant gang. Fine official residences—Steeles Drive, the Harrington Lake

swimmer cottage, Stoneyway, the Kensington residence of the Speaker of the House, and Government House, the home of the Governor General—are treated, along with their occupants.

And the committee members who supervise Stoney are reduced to lackeys of a luxury-cruised Prince Montar. Governor Montar, the man who did the dinner, ran up the debt and fed to Italy when the Prince Montar did not pay the bill (it was later settled), gets several pages, mostly adoring. Carson also plays the work of other designers: pale of hens, as well as a long list of merchants, Mirras and other boutiques that the text.

Besides all the old material, there are some new insights, some of which read like an author's report, reflecting Carson's intense use of the access-to-information channels. There are how-to courses in spying, reporting—and watching and whoing for both sides (Carson notes that the city's Yellow Pages include roughly 120 escort services).

The scribbles and gophers of the Parliamentary Press-Gallery should be forced to read Ottawa Inside Out as a qualification for entry into the Parliamentary Precinct, with all its perks—or even to the plenary National Press Club, with what Carson calls its "terrible" food. For her part, Carson is currently providing some of the tastiest tributes in town. The good parts are very good, and the state parts are tolerable—just like leftovers.

CHARLES LYND

#### Franchise boosted, roasted

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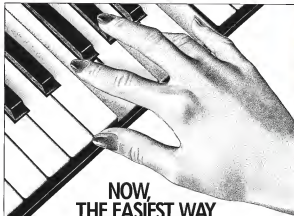
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### BOOKS



Tremblay as tender with his characters as a mother with a favorite child

## Gay domesticity

Michel Tremblay pens a homosexual love story

THE HEART LAD BARE  
By Michel Tremblay  
(McClelland and Stewart, 269 pages \$26.95)

Literary celebrations of the kind of love that leads to marriage have pretty much faded out of fashion. Few serious authors are writing, it seems, about how Susan and Bob made a happy life with her in suburban Moose Jaw. Much more popular—and topical—is the story of how their life fell apart because Bob turned out to be a kleptomaniac or Susan was cheating crack in the basement. The truth is, before children make better fiction than does success. That makes Michel Tremblay's latest novel, *The Heart Lad Bare*, an unusual book. The word-wringing Quebec writer of such novels as *The Flat Woman Next Door*, *In Progress*, and of plays including *Les belles-sœurs* and *Albertine* in *Five Times*—vents against the tide by chronicling how a Montreal couple overcomes various difficulties to make a workable relationship.

Like a great many Canadians, the two manage to weather in love, cozier and personality clashes, not to mention the onslaught of winter. Indeed, they seem average in every aspect but one: Jean-Marc and Mathieu are homosexuals. Twenty or even 10 years ago, *The Heart Lad Bare* would have been unthinkable. Ho-

mosexuals were only just beginning to declare themselves in public, and the gay literature of the times was concerned largely with the joys and difficulties of "coming out." In the 1980s, all that has changed, as homosexuals have become more open about their lifestyle and society more at ease with them, authors have been able to conceive more meaningful deeper ramifications of being gay.

Tremblay's aim in *The Heart Lad Bare* is to celebrate the normality of gay domestic life, to make the common, human bedrock of experience underlying all marriages, whether gay or straight. His principal narrator, Jean-Marc, is a 38-year-old French professor living in Montreal. Weary of the pickup scene in the city's bars, he dreams of a more stable relationship. Then he meets a 24-year-old aspiring actor called Mathieu, who is also tired of the usual fast lane. And so the two begin a tentative courting ritual, each hoping for something more enduring and loving than he has known.

The way to domestic contentment seems to be more tedious than either could have foreseen. Jean-Marc has a particularly hard time adapting to the weekend visits of Sébastien, Mathieu's four-year-old son from his first marriage. Afraid of saying no to the child, he lets himself be bullied out of his bed at 6:30 a.m. to help Sébastien put together a gnaw puzzle on the lounge room floor. The sugar,

confuse and growing love interest in such moments and a rack of the fabric of *The Heart Lad Bare*. It is a small, tightly focused novel, filled with the details of domestic life, and as tender with its characters as a mother with a favorite child.

*The Heart Lad Bare* set in the late 1980s, just as AIDS is making serious inroads in Montreal. Yet, strangely, Jean-Marc and Mathieu never even discuss the disease, even though both of them have had many lovers. Instead, Tremblay has control of society about AIDS on the figure of Luc, Jean-Marc's former boyfriend. The handsome Luc is compulsively gossipy—and spends much of his time in bouts of terror that he might be infected. Luc is pitiful, comical—and a far more convincing character than Jean-Marc or Mathieu. Compared to him, the two lovers seem to be floating through an airy, false golden age.

Twisted for other difficulties, the two make a rather strange pair. The trouble is, Tremblay is at such pains to evoke the humanity and the normality of their relationship that he risks putting the reader to sleep. His formal prose style occasionally too well-behaved. He rarely seems to find the sharp, painfully accurate details that would surprise and convince. There is more pain and joy in marriage—both homosexual and heterosexual—than Tremblay has portrayed. Other authors, from Doris Lessing to John Cheever, have covered the same territory far more thoroughly. A simple change to the gender of a person does not lend *The Heart Lad Bare* enough force and urgency to cut to the centre of the mystery of the marriage partnership.

JOHN REMROSE

### MAGAZINE'S BEST-DESIGN LIST

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- 8 *Peter Star*, Cross (8)
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# No flying buns for a bully boy

BY ALLAN FOTHERINGHAM

Only in Canada would we offer a platform to a bully from another nation to tell us how to run our country and our economy and our life. Only in Toronto would countless boats of dentistry and listen to a foreigner lecture them about why their tentative abuse on their independence are incorrect. Only Canadians would, at times, rather than yell him with beans and too look from the stage. We are so polite. So chicken.

Jack Valenti is a short, white-haired bully, one of the most powerful lobbyists in the United States, representing one of the richest lobbies in the United States, that being Hollywood's film industry. He is a fixture in Washington, welcome at the right White House parties, playing tennis with the right people, ever ready to leap upon the subsequent coast called Canada.

The problem is that subsequent Canada would like to give just a tiny bit of control over the film industry in this country that the United States—being the United States and Canada being Canada—controls. It is news and policy in regard to, of course, the United States having controlled our oil industry and our industry and auto industry and Malcom's industry for so long—but we try.)

Jack Valenti is frightened. He is frightened because little Canada is making movies of actually showing some domestic content. In film industry Hollywood, being Hollywood, feels Hollywood should be allowed to treat the rest of the world as Hollywood. Valenti has allowed that little Canada is to be allowed what Canada wants to do, it would be "the thin edge of the wedge." These sleeping Europeans might awake and then, who knows, Asia. There goes the neighborhood. There goes monopoly control, and you know what that means?

Jack Valenti's salary and tennis club membership.

All these is the nervous Ottawa attempt over time to suggest some Canadian control over the film distribution industry in this country and—a shocking proposal—to increase the showing of Canadian movies in Canadian the-



atres. Since we have spent our lives watching Hollywood portrayals by Nelson Elders as the Rockies, the ideal of our time, this adroit as a respectable suggested scenario.

Michael Mann, the current Valenti's enemy, being the communications minister and cultural czar of all of Canada, has in process, somewhere through the Hampton Court Convention, legislation that would give domestic distributors a devoted slot at holding on films for showing in Canada. American distributors, being of good cheer, have always regarded it a loss that they can dominate what is shown in Canadian film parlors.

Hollywood distributors don't put a red line on Canadian productions and they take about \$1 billion a year out of this country. Elders, as chairman of Motion Picture Export Association of America, is going to ensure that lovely ratio.

That's okay, but why does the Export Club of Toronto not throw buns at him while, in his

selfishness Texas draw be pale on the bullying bullfight? The Export Club, one of the last remnants of what is left of the Toronto Establishment, is not a club at all but a speaking platform, the emanations from which are collected under red-rounder covers at the end of the year, somewhat like the received speeches at Bedford Kipling.

The Export Club, being positive and virginal, does not pay its speakers fees for their Olympian thoughts, and I have once received, at year-end, a leather-bound volume. I do not think, however, this excuses the appearance of Jack Valenti, who doesn't need the money, being the highest-paid but most in the famed elision fields of Washington facilities.

There are defective reasons for Valenti's seriousness. The European Community, which supposedly is to become one chimney beach in 1992 with the knocking down of borders and passports, has, despite the white-haired bully's frenetic lobbying, ruled that its 19 nations ban at least a majority of European broadcasting.

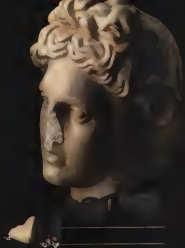
There is the last power lobby—despite the Yiddishness of this current government in Come City—that something centrist can be led down if Ontario has the courage. The bully Valenti talked of, with great vigor, the present domestic film policy proposed by Flora MacDonald, the lady who could never hold great sway around the Malcom's cabinet table. The Tories allowed it to die on the agenda while they called an election. Flora died before the voters.

There now have been eight successive Ontario conservative ministers—two—twelve and never backed up by the Prime Minister's Office—who have tried to strike a deal with the Hollywood studios that would result in giving something back into Canadian film production. Canada, as its struggling film industry has reminded Les Greywax to Moscow. The analogy is the same.

Jack Valenti, being a great free-enterpriser, of course would resist the competition, would be appalled by it. He would be expected to do so. Nations that dominate and bully lesser nations are always interested when it is possible to see what they are in fact doing.

The United States has dominated us as though cultural infatigable of Canada, through films and magazines and other detritus, that it has no idea of its dominance. Canadians, because they are so used to the dominance, never think to object. And our timid, timid government, does not have the guts to stand up to the slaves.

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